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#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

DEPARTMENT: INFECTION CONTROL	NUMBER:
EFFECTIVE: 03/2020	REVISED DATE: 8/2020
SUBJECT: COVID19 COMMUNICATION PLAN	

#### **Policy Statement**

In an effort to protect all members of the community, including residents of healthcare facilities and healthcare providers, the facility will conduct appropriate notification of residents. Residents' families, visitors, and staff in the event of an outbreak of a contagious disease at the facility.

## Policy Interpretation and Implementation.

As part of the facility outbreak response plan, the facility has determined that there has been an outbreak of a contagious disease within the facility. Proper notification is to be conducted by the facility and will include the following:

- 1. Inform residents, their representatives, and families of those residing in the facilities by 5 p.m. the next calendar day following the occurrence of either a single confirmed infection of COVID-19, or three or more residents or staff with new-onset of respiratory symptoms occurring withing 72-hours of each other.
- 2. Communication will not include personally identifiable information.
- 3. Communication to include information on mitigating action implemented to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including if normal operations of the facility will be altered.
- 4. Cumulative updates for residents, their representatives, and families will be provided weekly on an as needed basis.
- 5. Notification for subsequent confirmed or person under investigation cases may be done via telephone, email or other method of communication the facility is using to notify the resident's

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family member, guardian, or designated person during this time of restricted visitation, as well as any visitors.

6. Facility will maintain a designated phone line for COVID-19 updates as needed

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