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TO: All Nursing Homes

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SUBJECT: Visitor Restrictions

The State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health is committed to taking critical steps to ensure nursing home residents are protected from communicable diseases, including Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in healthcare facilities, specifically Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision, effective **immediately**, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, is directing that all Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision impose restrictions on all visitors **except** when a current health state (e.g. end-of-life care) is in question. For example, the facility may allow a visitor(s) to a resident who is on hospice or end-of-life care as long as the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is used in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance documents **and** when the resident meets the criteria based on exposure to CVOVID-19. Please refer to CDC guidance documents at **www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019**

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