

LTC Facility Inspections Covid-19 Response Investigations

How does the facility rapidly identify and manage ill patients:

- Isolate patients one per room or cohort two confirmed ill patients together
- Have healthcare workers stay on either the sick or healthy sides of the building
- Regular health screenings, taking temperatures etc.
- Primary care physician
- Testing supplies and good communication

PPE plan for isolation, quarantine and general patient rooms:

- Isolation with N95, gloves, gowns, eye protection and booties
- Quarantine with surgical mask and gloves
- Office and outdoor
- Kitchen
- Housekeeping
- Environmental services
- Landscaping
- Drivers
- Part-time or “rental” employees

Environmental Services

- Modesty dividers, bed rails, trail tables etc.
- Room refrigerators-no storing food
- Laundry, environmental services, STNAs
- Nurse carts, medicine caddies, storage for PPE
- Trash removal
- Body fluid Clean-up

Focus on sis bars, handrails, door handles, key pads and entrances and exits

Limit entrances, one-way door locks with signage “Do not prop open this door”, “Never leave open doors unattended” and “Employees Only”

Commonly used items must be disinfected on a continual basis. Whenever possible discontinue moving any products or equipment from room to room:

- Book exchange, movies, games or puzzles
- Beverage service cart
- Medication station/medical records computer stand
- Kitchenettes where snacks, beverages and ice is stored

Discontinue moving patients from rooms whenever possible and regularly disinfect commonly used surfaces between patients:

- Bathing rooms, water therapy, shower rooms
- Physical therapy rooms
- Dining rooms and community rooms should be closed
- Beauty salons and barber shops closed
- Gift shops closed

Patient transfer:

- Emergency – hospital ambulance
- Routine transport – agency van vs. private ambulance
- Family transport suspended
- Suspend non-essential (pedicure, massage, PT)

Persons entering the facility:

- Licensed pest control operator
- Food delivery including drop key (after hours)
- Maintenance and repair
- Visiting doctors and nurse practitioners
- All entertainment suspended

- Art therapy and animal therapy suspended
- Religious personnel
- Hospice
- Specialty physicians
- Family