

HHSC Reminds Long-term Care Providers to Check for Updated COVID-19 Guidance

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is reminding the long-term care providers it regulates – including nursing facilities and assisted living facilities – to stay updated on the latest guidance from the CDC regarding proper infection control practices, which can be found at this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc>

HHSC also directs providers to follow proper infection control according to this CDC guidance – including protocols for hand hygiene, disinfection, and proper use of personal protective equipment – and report any COVID-19 related issues within their facility to HHSC as well as to local health officials.

Finally, we also urge providers to regularly check the HHSC provider information page, as it is being regularly updated in response to COVID-19. It is found at this link and now includes a tool that allows searches by specific provider type:

<https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19-provider-information>