

March 4, 2020

Coronavirus-2019 Long Term Care Facility Guidelines

Actions Requested

- Follow the CDC Strategies to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/prevent-spread-in-long-term-care-facilities.html>
- Follow the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) Recommendations for Long Term Care Facilities During COVID-19 Outbreak <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020/LongTermCareFacilities>
- Register for the DOH webinar to discuss COVID-19 prevention for the long-term care setting on March 5, 2020, 3:00 PM PST at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1371383875225014795>
 - Agenda:
 - Describe clinical presentation and epidemiology for COVID-19
 - Summarize the role of the public health response
 - Describe the infection prevention and control procedures for long-term care
 - Provide healthcare resources for COVID-19
- Contact the Northwest Healthcare Response Network if your organization is unable to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE): LogsSC.HECC@nwhrn.org
- Consult the Washington State Department of Health website for updates on the situation in Washington. Updates and new resources can be found at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>

Questions? Please call Kitsap Public Health at 360-728-2235

Background

No cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in Kitsap County as of 11am Wednesday March 4, 2020; Washington State has 39 positive confirmed cases and 10 deaths. Public health officials have confirmed COVID-19 is spreading in Washington state and Kitsap should be prepared for community spread in our county. While the situation is evolving, at this time DOH believes that older patients and those with chronic medical conditions may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Long term care facilities have experience managing respiratory infections and outbreaks among residents and staff and should apply the same outbreak management principles to COVID-19.

General Resources

- (1) WA DOH Novel Coronavirus Outbreak 2019: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/Coronavirus>
- (2) CDC Information for Healthcare Professionals: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/guidance-hcp.html>
- (3) CDC Situation Summary: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>