HEALTHCARE FACILITY NOTICE/ORDER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NURSING FACILITIES

TO: All Licensed Nursing Facilities In Louisiana

FROM: LDH Office of Public Health
Jimmy Guidry, M.D., State Health Officer

RE: Reporting COVID-19 Information
Compliance with CMS Requirements

DATE: May 7, 2020

This Healthcare Facility Notice/Order applies to all nursing facilities licensed in Louisiana, and is issued to provide information regarding reporting of COVID-19 Information.

The State of Louisiana, Department of Health ("LDH"), is committed to taking critical steps to ensure public health and safety. To address and prevent the spread of COVID-19, the State of Louisiana, Department of Health, through its State Health Officer, is DIRECTING AND REQUIRING that all licensed nursing facilities in Louisiana comply with the attached Memorandum from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), regarding COVID-19 reporting requirements and notification requirements, EFFECTIVE at 12:01 a.m. on May 8, 2020:

RATIONALE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY:


These measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, and are ordered in line with the best guidance and direction from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the US Department of Health and Human Services and/or the
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The State Health Officer expressly finds
that the measures ordered herein are necessary to help control and prevent further spread
of COVID-19, a communicable, contagious, and infectious disease that represent a
serious and imminent threat to the public health.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by L.R.S. 40:1 et seq.,
Health Officer, do hereby issue the following emergency order:

All licensed nursing facilities in Louisiana shall comply with the attached
Memorandum from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) [Ref:
QSO-20-29-NH, dated May 6, 2020], regarding COVID-19 reporting requirements
and notification requirements, EFFECTIVE at 12:01 a.m. on May 8, 2020.

(a) This includes complying with the electronic reporting requirements to
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Healthcare
Safety Network pursuant to the requirements and timelines outlined in the
CMS Memo and the referenced Interim Final Rule.

(b) This also includes notification to residents, their representatives, and
families of those residing in nursing facilities, pursuant to the requirements
and timelines outlined in the CMS Memo and the referenced Interim Final
Rule.

Any questions regarding the CMS Memo [Ref QSO 20-29-NH] should be directed to the
contact/link noted in that memo.

Please note that these CMS reporting and notification requirements do not replace or
supersede other requirements to report to local or state officials. All nursing facilities
shall continue to comply with all licensing and certification requirements, as applicable.

End of Memo