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DIRECTED PLAN OF
 CORRECTION

TO: Dr. Kendall Sprott, Administrator
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Pursuant to Executive Order 103, Governor Philip D. Murphy declared that the spread of COVID-19, which is a novel coronavirus, within New Jersey constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of the State. As such, Governor Murphy declared the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 to -31, and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, N.J.S.A. App.A:9-45 & App. A:9-47. These emergency declarations were thereafter continued by Executive Order No. 171.

Under the declared health emergency, the Commissioner is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-12, to “[t]ake all reasonable and necessary measures to prevent the transmission of infectious disease or exposure to toxins or chemicals and apply proper controls and treatment for infectious disease or exposure to toxins or chemicals.” Pursuant to this authority, the Department of Health (Department), hereby directs the following plan of correction:

DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

Pursuant to the above-referenced authority, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community and protect vulnerable populations from contracting the virus, the Commissioner of the Department of Health hereby DIRECTS the following plan of correction. The facility shall:

- a. Retain the services of a Certified Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) consultant to begin providing services to the facility no later than August 13, 2020. The facility shall provide the Department with the name and resume of the consultant by August 11, 2020. You may contact the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (apic.org) to obtain the names of ICPs in your area. The facility shall provide the Department with the name and resume of the consultant. The resume should be sent to Denise.Gorski-Galla@doh.nj.gov and Gene.Rosenblum@doh.nj.gov. The ICP consultant shall be on-site for no less than 20 hours per week until further notice from the Department. The contract with this consultant shall include provisions for immediate corrective action ensuring patient safety is not jeopardized and all applicable state licensing standards are met. The facility should send weekly reports every Friday by 1:00 p.m. to the Communicable Disease Services (CDS) Healthcare Associated Infections Coordinator, Jason Mehr, MPH, CIC, at Jason.Mehr@doh.nj.gov with a copy to Denise.Gorski-Galla@doh.nj.gov. These weekly reports shall include any identified cases (as defined by CDS) and the progress of infection prevention. In addition, the facility is directed to maintain timely communication with the Department as may be required by CDS staff, including both the facility's infection prevention team and the consultant.
- b. Immediately train all staff in the proper donning and doffing of personal protective equipment and infection control procedures and document the completion of the training.

This DPOC shall remain in place until the facility is otherwise notified in writing by a representative of this Department. Please also be advised that Department staff will monitor facility compliance with this order to determine whether corrective measures are implemented by the facility in a timely fashion.

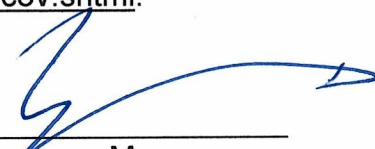
OTHER REMEDIES:

Failure to comply with this Emergency Order may result in the imposition of penalties and/or other applicable remedies.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this Directed Plan of Correction, please contact Lisa King in the Office of Program Compliance at Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov. For other questions, please contact the New Jersey Coronavirus and Poison Center Hotline at (800) 222-1222.

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For COVID-19 updates, please continue to check the Department's website for routinely updated information at <https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>.



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