

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 ORDERS the curtailment of all admissions to the facility. This emergency order and the directed plan of correction (DPOC) below are also issued based on the findings of the state surveyors during an on-site survey conducted on April 20, 2020.

The facility shall be prohibited from accepting admissions or readmissions of individuals until further notice. This Order is effective immediately upon your notification. This emergency order shall remain in effect until the Department lifts the order.

II. 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 full-time, on-site services of an Administrative Consultant who is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator to begin providing services to the facility no later than April 24, 2020. This Administrative Consultant shall be completely independent of the facility and have no previous or current ties to the facility's principals, management and/or employees or other related individuals of any kind, including, but not limited to, employment, business or personal ties. The facility shall provide the Department with the name and resume of the proposed Administrative Consultant by April 23, 2020. The resume should be sent to Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov and Gene.Rosenblum@doh.nj.gov. The Administrative Consultant shall be present in the facility for no less than 40 hours per week, with documented coverage of all shifts and weekends, until further notice from the Department. The Administrative Consultant contract shall include provisions for immediate corrective action that ensures that applicable state licensing standards are met and that resident safety is not jeopardized. The Administrative Consultant shall:
 1. Assess the facility's compliance with all applicable state licensing standards and identify areas of non-compliance;
 2. Oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of corrective action plans;
 3. Develop and implement compliance management systems at the facility;
 4. Collaborate with facility leadership to ensure that operating procedures, systems and standards align with compliance requirements;

5. Ensure staff training needed to comply with applicable licensing standards; and,
6. Take other actions as may be necessary to ensure identification of compliance issues and implementation of timely corrective measures.

The facility should send weekly progress reports every Friday by 1:00 p.m. to Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov. These weekly reports shall include timely status updates regarding:

1. Identified areas of non-compliance;
2. Corrective measures to address identified areas of non-compliance; and,
3. Status of corrective measures implementation.

In addition, the facility is directed to maintain timely communication with the Department, as may be required.

- b. Retain the full-time, on-site services of a registered nurse consultant to begin providing services to the facility as a consultant Director of Nursing no later than April 24, 2020. This consultant Director of Nursing shall be completely independent of the facility and have no previous or current ties to the facility's principals, management and/or employees or other related individuals of any kind, including, but not limited to, employment, business or personal ties. The facility shall provide the Department with the name and resume of the consultant by April 23, 2020. The resume should be sent to Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov and Gene.Rosenblum@doh.nj.gov. The consultant Director of Nursing shall be on-site for no less than 40 hours per week, with documented coverage of all shifts and weekends, until further notice from the Department. The contract with this consultant Director of Nursing shall include provisions for immediate corrective action ensuring resident safety is not jeopardized and applicable state licensing standards are met.
- c. Retain the full-time services of a Certified Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) consultant to begin providing services to the facility no later than April 24, 2020. This ICP Consultant shall be completely independent of the facility and have no previous or current ties to the facility's principals, management and/or employees or other related individuals of any kind, including, but not limited to, employment, business or personal ties. The facility shall provide the Department with the name and resume of the consultant by April 23, 2020. The resume should be sent to Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov and Gene.Rosenblum@doh.nj.gov. You may contact the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (apic.org) to obtain the names of ICPs in your area. The ICP consultant shall be on-site for no less than 40 hours per week, with documented coverage of all shifts and

weekends, until further notice from the Department. The contract with this consultant shall include provisions for immediate corrective action ensuring resident safety is not jeopardized and 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 Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov. These weekly reports shall include timely updates regarding the outbreak investigation, 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 consultants.

- d. 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.
- e. Provide to the Department a daily report by 3:00 p.m. each day delineating the number of current staff and any staffing needs. This report should be sent to Donna.Koller@doh.nj.gov.

Under this curtailment order and DPOC, the facility shall comply with the applicable standards in N.J.A.C. 8:39-1 et seq. (Standards for Licensure of Long-Term Care Facilities) as modified by the operational waivers, the unwaived Medicare conditions of 42 C.F.R. 483.1 et seq. (Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities), and the conditions as modified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services 1135 blanket waivers and the New Jersey specific 1135 waivers.

This curtailment and 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.

RIGHT TO HEARING:

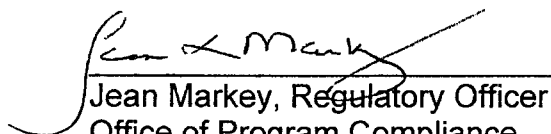
Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-8(a)(2), the facility has the right to request a hearing regarding the Emergency Curtailment of Admissions Order before the New Jersey Superior Court.

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 Emergency Curtailment of Admissions Order and 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. 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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