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PIN 20-02-ASC

TO: ALL ADULT AND SENIOR CARE PROGRAM LICENSEES

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SUBJECT: **INFORMATION REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 20-02-ASC provides general information and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](http://www.who.int) has identified and named the recent public viral outbreak of the coronavirus as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The coronavirus itself is a large family of viruses that, while not new, have different strains. The COVID-19 strain is a newly identified strain that causes respiratory illness similar to influenza.

To stop transmission of this virus, it is recommended to:

- avoid close contact with people who are sick,
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth,
- stay home when you are sick,
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash,
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes,

Licensees are encouraged to have a plan in place, and ample supplies, to respond to an COVID-19 outbreak in their area. Follow plans for sheltering in place in circumstances where you may need to quarantine.

Note: There is currently no recommendation to avoid congregate settings, such as day programs. Any such recommendation would come from your local county health department.

The Department understands that there are concerns about the recent identification of this virus. The circumstances around COVID-19 are evolving. There are several places to find credible information regarding COVID-19, including [WHO](#), [CDC](#), [CDPH](#) and your local county health department. These entities are providing updated information about this virus as it becomes available. Licensees are encouraged to visit their webpages frequently for updated information.

For more information regarding this virus, please visit:

- CDC: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 What You Should Know](#)
- CDPH:
 - [New Coronavirus What You Need To Know](#)
 - [All Facilities Letters \(AFLs\)](#)
- WHO: [Coronavirus](#); [Video – Novel Coronavirus](#)
- [Local county health department](#)

Note: CDPH AFLs are directed toward health care facilities, however some of the information may be pertinent and helpful in community care settings.

Please contact your local health department **immediately** if you suspect an outbreak of COVID-19 in your facility. In addition, ASC licensees are required to report a suspected or confirmed outbreak to your local [Adult and Senior Care Regional Office](#), and the persons' in care authorized representative, as required by applicable regulations (California Code of Regulations, [Title 22, section 80061\(b\)\(1\)\(H\)](#), [Title 22, section 81061\(b\)\(1\)\(G\)](#), [Title 22, section 82061\(a\)\(1\)\(F\)](#), and [Title 22, section 87211\(a\)\(2\)](#)).

If you have questions regarding this PIN, please contact your local [Adult and Senior Care Regional Office](#).