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TO: Administrator, DON, Medical Directors, Infection Preventionist, Nurse Managers & QA Committee Members

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DATE: October 18, 2023

RE: NYSDOH Nursing Home Provider Association Meeting

Earlier today the Association participated in the Nursing Home Provider Association Meeting. The call focused heavily on Covid-19 Infection Prevention and Control. Highlights include:

1. Top 10 NH citations from most to least frequently cited:

- F689 Free of Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices
 - Especially as related to elopement; ensure ALL staff, including **agency** staff, receive education on elopement prevention and response.
- F609 Reporting of Alleged Violations
 - Report any allegation of abuse within 2 hours; also contact and notify local law enforcement as indicated for any suspected crime against a resident.
- F812 Food Procurement/Store/Prepare/Serve-Sanitary
 - Most problems/concerns identified in the kitchen results result in a citation that is widespread at level E or F. Review facility P/Ps and include competencies and direct observations.
- F656 Develop/Implement comprehensive Care Plan
 - Review facility practices to ensure responsible staff are developing/evaluating and updating resident Care Plans.
- F584 Safe/Clean/Comfortable/Homelike Environment
 - Conduct environmental rounds – ensure there are no loose/dirty privacy curtains, furniture are not broken, walls are without chipped paint, ceiling tiles are clean, intact, and without water marks
- F600 Free from Abuse and Neglect
 - Again, report any allegation of abuse within 2 hours; also contact and notify local law enforcement as needed for any suspected/alleged crime.
- F880 Infection Prevention and Control
 - Many missed opportunities for performing hand hygiene; provide education to all staff and have them perform a return demonstration.

- F684 Quality of Care
 - Many quality-of-care issues have the potential to result in an IJ
- F610 *Investigate/Prevent/Correct Alleged Violation*.
 - Conduct and report complete investigations within 5 working days of the event.
- F657 Care Plan Timing and Revision- see above
- * The Association has requested a list of other citations that result in IJ from this top 10 list.
- Nursing home providers should review information on the use of antiviral medications for treatment of mild-to-moderate Covid-19. Consult with your Medical Director.

2. **Weekly DAL with COVID-19 Vaccine Administration data** to be sent to facilities (see [here](#)).

As of 10/17/2023

- Total # of residents in NYS NHs is 96,854.
 - Total # of consenting NYS NH residents who are awaiting administration of the updated COVID-19 vaccine is 16,429. This accounts for 17% of the total number of residents in NYS NHs.
 - Total # of updated COVID-19 vaccine shots administered to NH residents in NYS since 9/15/2023 is 3,869.
 - Total # of updated COVID-19 vaccine shots administered to NH residents in NYS in the previous seven days is 2414. This accounts for 62% of the total number of shots administered to NH residents since 9/15/2023.
 - Total # of NYS NHs reporting is 603.
 - Total # of NYS NHs that administered the updated COVID-19 vaccine to residents since 9/15/2023 is 202. This accounts for 34% of the total number of NYS NHs.
 - *This data is collected from the daily HERDS Report.
3. The Department has confirmed that **Covid vaccine reporting via CIR and/or NYSIIS is no longer mandatory**. Facilities must get permission from residents ≥ 19 years old before reporting vaccine information to CIR/NYSIIS.
4. The **Facility Provider Visits** which began on July 17, 2023, has been put on pause temporarily. The Department hopes to resume the visits soon. These visits by the Central Office Leadership were done to promote open discussions with the aim of better understanding the facility's challenges and fostering collaboration.

If you have any questions, reach out to covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov or icp@health.ny.gov.