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### **Notice to Public Health Law Article 46 and 46-A Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs)**

Dear CCRC President/CEO/Administrator:

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has resources available to CCRC operators to address the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. CCRCs provide comprehensive services to older adults through different levels of care, such as independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing, to allow for residents to access these levels of care as needed within the same community. The potential for more serious illness among older adults, coupled with the communal nature of CCRCs, represents a risk of outbreak and a substantial challenge for programs, especially for the assisted living and skilled nursing portions of the community.

CCRCs have previously received state and federal guidance and resources regarding the care of individuals in the assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. This document serves as a compendium of this guidance, as well as an additional resource for the independent living portion of the community.

Please refer to the following resources to find the appropriate guidance for CCRCs. Guidance and requirements will vary based on the level of care provided and residents served.

#### **For Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Services:**

CCRCs should monitor the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS) daily for communication and information requests from the New York State Department of Health (NYDOH).

HCS: <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>

Previously issued NYSDOH guidance and resources for providers can be found at: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/information-healthcare-providers>.

#### **For Independent Living:**

CCRCs should refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and county resources, such as the County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/guidance-retirement-response.html>

In addition, NYSDOH has issued general guidance topics that may be relevant to CCRCs, such as the cleaning of public and private facilities. We encourage you to continue to monitor the NYSDOH website for further guidance that may be relevant to CCRCs:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

NYSDOH remains dedicated to the protection of CCRC staff and residents during the COVID-19 outbreak. Please direct any COVID-19 specific questions to [icp@health.ny.gov](mailto:icp@health.ny.gov). General CCRC questions can be sent to [CCRC@health.ny.gov](mailto:CCRC@health.ny.gov).