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**Date:** March 9, 2020  
**To:** All Connecticut Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) Members  
**From:** Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA   
**Subject:** **TIME SENSITIVE – COVID-19 Response Updates and Request from CT DPH for all LTC-MAP Members to Update Supplies and Vendors on the LTC-MAP Website**

Dear Colleagues,

The Connecticut Department of Public Health is reaching out to our long term care community as we continue our COVID-19 preparedness efforts. As part of our planning process, we are requesting that all LTC-MAP plan members immediately update supplies and vendors on the LTC-MAP website.

We also want to remind you that all Long Term Care Facilities should continue to report outbreaks in accordance with the CT DPH Reportable Disease Regulations at <https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>. and to CT epidemiology. Please review the following memo from CT DPH Commissioner Coleman-Mitchell dated February 5, 2020:

[Change to the List of Reportable Diseases, Emergency Illnesses and Health Conditions and the List of Reportable Laboratory Findings](#)

### **Immediate Supply and Vender Reporting Request:**

As part of the Connecticut Department of Public Health's (DPH) response to COVID-19, we are working to develop situational awareness of personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies within healthcare settings and vendors used, specifically in all CT nursing homes. We are aware that it's difficult at this time to obtain PPE through the open market and it is important for us to know the current supply levels and consumption rates.

***We are requesting all CT LTC-MAP members to update the following supplies and vendors on their facility page on the LTC-MAP website [www.mutualaidplan.org/ct](http://www.mutualaidplan.org/ct). For this task, you will need to login with a username and password. We ask that all members enter the requested information by Friday, March 13, 2020, 5:00 PM.***



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**Supplies Tab**

- PPE – Respiratory Protection: Surgical Masks
- PPE – Respiratory Protection: N95 Masks
- PPE – Fluid Barriers: Nitrile Gloves
- PPE – Fluid Barriers: Latex Free/Vinyl Gloves
- PPE – Fluid Barriers: Isolation Gowns
- PPE – Fluid Barriers: Eye Shields/Face Shields/Goggles

**Vendors Tab**

- Cleaning / Cleaning Supplies
- IV Solutions
- Medical Surgical Supplies
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pumps (Feeding, IV, PCA, etc.)
- Waste Removal - Regulated Medical

NOTE: At this time, we are *not* activating the Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) and you are *not* required to complete emergency reporting as we traditionally do for an emergency incident. We are requiring that all nursing homes go to [www.mutualaidplan.org/ct](http://www.mutualaidplan.org/ct), login and update the supplies and vendors as listed above.

**Webinar**

To assist LTC-MAP members with completing the supply and vendor assessment, we will be providing a webinar on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM**. We will record the webinar for those that are unable to attend.

Meeting link:

<https://jensenhughes.webex.com/jensenhughes/j.php?MTID=m655ee8ebb981b2516cc0669a859059ba>

Meeting Passcode: 79319521

Join by phone: 1-877-668-4493 Call-in toll-free number (US/Canada)

Attendee access code: 793 195 21

**Finally, should you need any assistance with the LTC-MAP website (username, password, assistance with entering data, etc.), please contact:**

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### HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH

### BLAST FAX 2020-07

TO: All Nursing Homes  
FROM: Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA   
CC: Barbara Cass, RN., Branch Chief, Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch  
DATE: March 9, 2020  
SUBJECT: Visitor Restrictions

The State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health is committed to taking critical steps to ensure nursing home residents are protected from communicable diseases, including Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

To prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in healthcare facilities, specifically Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision, effective **immediately**, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health, is directing that all Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision impose restrictions on all visitors **except** when a current health state (e.g. end-of-life care) is in question. For example, the facility may allow a visitor(s) to a resident who is on hospice or end-of-life care as long as the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is used in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance documents **and** when the resident meets the criteria based on exposure to CVOVID-19. Please refer to CDC guidance documents at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019)



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Fax From: CT-Department of Public Health

Subject: Blast Fax 2020-07 Visitor Restrictions; and LTC-MAP Members to Update Supplies and Vendors

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