

The population served by long-term care facilities is at an increased risk of serious illness when infected with COVID-19. It's important for facilities to take steps to keep themselves and their residents safe and healthy.

Protect Residents, Visitors & Health Care Providers (HCP)



- Provide education about respiratory infections, including COVID-19.
- Develop criteria and protocols for screening and/or restricting entrance to the facility.
- Review, implement, and reinforce an infection control plan for preventing communicable disease among residents, visitors, and HCP.
- Encourage residents to stay in their rooms.

Surveillance & Tracking



- Perform surveillance to detect respiratory infections, including COVID-19.
- Maintain and/or implement protocol(s) for daily monitoring of residents.
- Report any known or suspect communicable disease outbreak by phone to the local health department.
- Public distribution list for Somerset County health departments visit: <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/home/showdocument?id=35658>

Positive Cases & Persons Under Investigation (PUI)



- Determine placement of PUI & positive case(s) & infection control precautions. Enhance active surveillance when there are positive cases.
- Conduct routine cleaning & disinfection of frequently touched surfaces & shared medical equipment.
- Restrict the movement of residents throughout the facility.
- Limit resident transfers to medical necessity. Inform receiving facilities.
- Perform HCP exposure risk assessment for staff who cared for COVID-19 case(s).
- Implement procedure for monitoring HCP working within the facility.

Health Care Providers Health & Contingency Planning



- Evaluate and manage health care provider with symptoms of illness.
- Develop contingency staffing and resident placement plans.
- Develop strategies for optimizing the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE).