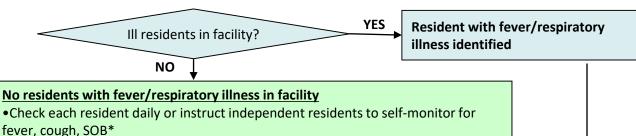
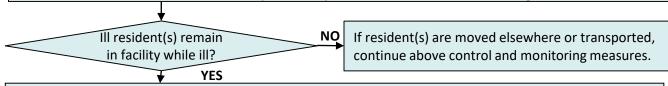
Detection and Management of COVID-19 Cases in Congregate Living Facilities



- Provide instructions for reporting any symptoms to facility administrator
- If there are cases of COVID in the community, consider visitor and staff screening

1 or more residents with fever/respiratory illness in facility

- Notify local health department (LHD); notify family/advocate and potentially exposed staff
- Seek guidance for COVID-19 testing from LHD; also test for influenza for first 2-3 symptomatic residents
- Check each resident daily (or more frequently) for fever >100.4F, cough, shortness of breath*;
 independent residents may self-monitor with instructions to promptly report any symptoms to facility administrator
- Cease communal/group activities; deliver meals to residents in their rooms
- Restrict nonessential visitors and contracted services
- If there are no new cases in the facility for 14 days, consult with LHD about relaxing restrictions



When III residents remain in the facility during their illness

- •Instruct <u>ill</u> residents to self-isolate in their room or apartment
- House all residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 on one wing/floor if possible; for group homes with two or more residents in a room, keep persons with confirmed COVID-19 together.
- Designate staff members to provide care and assistance to residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19; group care tasks to limit frequent staff entrance to resident rooms and minimize numbers of potentially exposed staff.
- •Staff caring for COVID-19 patients should use N95 respirator (preferred) or facemask, face shield or goggles, gown, gloves
- Monitor ill residents daily (or more frequently) for signs of worsening
- Continue isolation precautions and recommended PPE for each ill resident until:
 - At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery, defined as resolution of fever without
 the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough,
 shortness of breath); AND
 - At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

• If a resident worsens and needs a higher level of care

- Notify family/advocate
- Keep in room
- Arrange transport
- Use recommended PPE

^{*} Symptoms of COVID-19 might also include sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches, fatigue; elderly people may not develop fever