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INFECTION PREVENTION ASSESSMENTS FOR CCRSS SETTINGS

Dear Certified Community Residential Services and Supports Provider:

The COVID-19 AL TSA Long-Term Care Incident Command directed Residential Care Services (RCS) to complete focused reviews to assess CCRSS provider's readiness to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These reviews will focus on infection control procedures and assess current Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies in homes that have no COVID-19 cases among clients or staff. The intent of this focused review is to provide training and technical assistance to employees working in long-term care facilities and CCRSS settings. Licensed healthcare professional volunteers in partnership with local health jurisdictions and CCRSS contracted evaluators will conduct these reviews using the *Infection Prevention Assessment Tool for COVID-19*.

The *Infection Prevention Assessment Tool for COVID-19* used by staff and volunteers can be found [here](#) and includes the following domains:

- Visitor restrictions or limitations;
- Education, monitoring, and screening of healthcare and direct care personnel;
- Education, monitoring, and screening of clients;
- Availability of PPE and other supplies; and
- Infection prevention and control practices.

For CCRSS homes located in counties identified by local health jurisdictions as having the highest risk, licensed health care professional volunteers working with local health jurisdiction staff will conduct assessments with administrators or their designees in the provider's office or by phone. These counties include King, Snohomish, Pierce, Clark, Yakima, and Spokane County. For the lower risk counties, CCRSS contracted evaluators will conduct the assessments with providers by phone.

For your information, a link to the PPE donning and doffing training power point presentation can be found [here](#). A link to the local health jurisdiction interactive contact information map from the Department of Health website can be found [here](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to client health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact the RCS Policy Unit, RCSPolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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