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RISK ASSESSMENT DURING HOLIDAY TRAVEL

Dear Provider/Superintendent/Administrator:

As the holidays rapidly near, we recognize that holiday travels may have an impact on the transmission of COVID-19 as we visit our friends and families. With the accelerating transmission of the disease reported in this comprehensive up-to-date picture of what is happening around the state, see [the WA State COVID-19 Risk Assessment](#) and [WADoH COVID-19 data](#) dashboards, we would like to remind facilities of the importance of the risk assessment to assess COVID-19 exposure risk in long-term care facilities.

Please review the following risk assessment criteria for your facility type:

- Adult Family Homes Assisted Living Facilities & Enhanced Service Facilities:
 - [Risk Assessment Template to Assess COVID-19 Exposure Risk for Residents/Clients after Community Visits](#)
 - [Safe Start for Long-Term Care Recommendations and Requirements](#)
- Nursing Homes and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities:
 - [Risk Assessment Template to Assess COVID-19 Exposure Risk for Residents/Clients after Community Visits](#)
 - [Safe Start for Long-Term Care Recommendations and Requirements](#)
- Certified Community Residential Services and Supports:
 - [Risk Assessment Template to Assess COVID-19 Exposure Risk for Residents and Clients after Community Visits and the Letter to Families when residents/clients are preparing for community activities](#)
 - [Safe Start for Long-Term Care Recommendations and Requirements](#)

In addition, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance for holiday celebrations and small gatherings at this [link](#). Additional information related to COVID-19 resources can be located at [Long-Term Care Professionals & Providers](#).

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact rcspolicy@dshs.wa.gov

Sincerely,

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