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**INFECTION PREVENTION CONTROL AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CONTACTS
AND ROLES IN RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES**

Dear Administrator/Provider/Superintendent:

This letter is to notify you of Residential Care Services (RCS) Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) and Emergency Preparedness (EP) position transitions and contacts.

- **Jamie Ford, MA, BS, LPN is hired to replace Katherine Ander's RCS IPC Specialist position.** Jamie will serve as an infection control subject matter expert and point of contact for IPC standards in the long-term care regulatory setting. Jamie is responsible for internal and external IPC work, training, and communication.
- **Linda Dunn, RN will continue as the Regulatory QA Training Program Manager – Infection Control & Emergency Preparedness.** Linda is the RCS Nurse IPC Specialist and Local Health Jurisdiction point of contact. Linda will continue to answer IPC questions and provide training to internal and external stakeholders and partners.
- **Richard Freed is hired as the RCS Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.** This position is responsible for, and acts as the liaison between, RCS and other state and federal departments, emergency management agencies, organizations, and groups on all program matters. This position works in conjunction with the IPC specialists.

For IPC/EP related questions and needs, please reach out to our team at ipc.epteam@dshs.wa.gov. Jamie Ford and Linda Dunn will respond to IPC specific inquiries. For inquiries related to EP, Linda Dunn and Richard Freed will be happy to assist you.

RCS is committed to building on the lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring the continuity of IPC and EP efforts. Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact jamie.ford1@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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