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Long-Term Care Advisory Task Force Recommendation:
Guidance for Long Term Care Employees Returning to Work
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On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On May 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-315, rescinding the provisions of Executive Order 2020-258 and the provisions of Order 2020-266 relating to travel.

This memorandum provides guidance to long-term care providers concerning COVID-19 precautions for employees once travel restrictions have expired. The current public health emergency has resulted in a rapidly changing environment. The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers.

Screening Prior to Entry

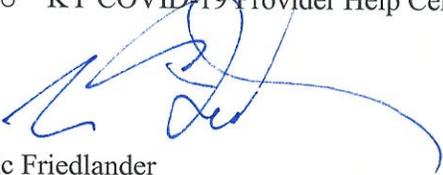
- Ensure each entering employee is free from symptoms associated with COVID-19 and continue to provide temperature and symptom checks per CDC guidelines.

Return to Work Practices and Restrictions

- Each employee should wear at least a facemask for source control at all times.
 - A facemask for source control does not replace the need to wear recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when indicated, including when caring for residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
 - Note: N95 or other respirators with an exhaust valve might not provide source control.
- Upon return to work, a test for COVID-19 could be used as a tool to identify employees who are infected but asymptomatic; however, this test only provides a snapshot in time.

Questions - Contact the following Resources:

- LTCF's local public health department and acute care provider, and
 - KY Department of Public Health TOLL-FREE at 888-404-1539 or
 - KY COVID-19 Provider Help Center TOLL-FREE at 877-435-7219 (877-HELP-C19)


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