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**To:**

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Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

With direction from Lancaster County Commissioners, Ed Hurston, Public Health Emergency Advisor, Phil Colvin Lancaster Emergency Management Agency Director, and I are continuing to look for ways the County can help Lancaster County nursing homes. During the last three weeks we have been reaching out to both nursing facilities and personal cares homes to offer help with facility disinfecting services and limited PPE. Disinfecting services will continue to be available upon your request. To submit a request go to: <https://lancema.us/web2/disinfecting-request.html> .

We also have been hearing a lot about the need for resident/employee testing as well as a need for additional training/consultation services for onsite reviews of infection control policies/practices, and provision of PPE training for staff.

Regarding COVID-19 testing of residents and staff the County has approved agreements with two organizations, Viracor-Eurofins and Clarity Labs to provide high-volume testing with rapid results. These labs are prepared to visit all nursing homes in the County who request their services to collect and analyze specimens and report the results within 72 hours. After completion of the analysis, labs will provide the results to the physician who wrote the order. Residents/employees will need to authorize release of test results to third parties for tracing purposes. All specimens will be collected with nasopharyngeal swabs. Any nursing facility interested in pursuing this service, please submit your request at: <https://lancema.us/web2/testing-request.html> .

To support facilities with onsite reviews, infection prevention protocol and PPE training, the County has established a contract with Cocciardi and Associates, Inc. This service is similar to the service which has already been proved by the South-Central Task Force's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) to several area nursing facilities. If your facility has interest in receiving this review/training, please submit your request at: <https://lancema.us/web2/training-request.html> . In closing, we acknowledge the very difficult work and valuable services your organizations are providing to older adults and their families in Lancaster County. If you have interest in any of these services, please submit your request(s). The County will cover these costs through COVID 19 funds. Likewise, if you have questions about these services or suggestions of other ways we can support your efforts, please let me know.

Thank you for all you are doing! Lon

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