



July 3, 2020

Re: Failure to Report Required Data to the Department of Health

Dear Nursing Home Administrator:

Please allow this letter to confirm that the Department of Health (Department) has not received the required data from your facility as required by the Order dated May 14, 2020. The Department provided you additional notice, by letter dated June 18, 2020, that all facilities needed to meaningfully comply with the Order. Unfortunately, despite receiving my Order and letter, your facility has failed to comply with the Order.

Your failure to report is troubling in that it runs counter to the mitigation efforts other Skilled Nursing Facilities throughout the Commonwealth are engaging in, will place your residents and staff at risk of harm, and increases the likelihood of spreading COVID-19.

Pursuant to the Disease Prevention and Control Law, refusal to follow state-ordered control measures is a summary offense, the penalty for which is a maximum fine of \$300.00. See 35 P.S. § 521.20(a). Each day your facility fails to report, or reports inaccurately, shall be deemed a separate violation meaning your facility could be fined up to \$300.00 per day. Additionally, the Department may take action against your facility's license under the Health Care Facilities Act. See 35 P.S. § 448.817.

I urge you in joining your fellow Skilled Nursing Facilities who have cooperated with this reporting requirement in order to protect the health and safety of residents and staff. Unless you do so, you will leave us with no choice but to take additional action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RL Levine'.

Rachel L. Levine, M.D.  
Secretary of Health  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania