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The Virginia Health Care Association | Virginia Center for Assisted Living (VHCA-VCAL) toolkit contains helpful information for providers of long-term care services. These resources are designed to help prevent COVID-19 from entering skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities. While some of the information is specific to nursing homes, assisted living providers will find the information on screening and managing visitors applicable when reassessing visitation practices. Thanks to VHCA-VCAL for allowing us to distribute this information.

At this time the Department of Social Services encourages our providers to pay close attention to recommendations regarding visitors and would strongly suggest limiting visitors and posting preventive infection control measures in the facility.

COVID-19-Screening Toolkit

VHCA-VCAL will continue to provide updates and post them on the *COVID-19 Resources* webpage as new information becomes available – please feel free to share that with anyone you feel could benefit from that information.

Remember to notify the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) immediately and your licensing inspector if there is confirmation of COVID-19 in your facility and refer to your infection control plan. VDH and Centers for Disease Control websites are continually updated with the latest information.

Virginia Department of Health- http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/

Centers for Disease Control- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html