



## CMS UPDATES GUIDANCE TO NURSING HOMES REGARDING CORONAVIRUS

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On March 13, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) updated its Quality, Safety & Oversight memorandum (the “Memorandum”) addressing guidelines for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. CMS’s prior update to this Memorandum occurred on March 9, 2020 (see our earlier advisory [here](#)). The revised Memorandum directs that nursing homes restrict visitation of all visitors and non-essential staff except in certain compassionate care situations (e.g., end-of-life situations). All other visitation should be deferred until further notice, and various communication methods should be established to communicate to staff and residents about the visitation restrictions (e.g., signage and phone calls). The Memorandum further directs that nursing homes cancel all communal dining and group activities and remind residents to practice social distancing and regular hand hygiene. A copy of the Memorandum, which includes additional guidance and directives, is available [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding further details included in the Memorandum or any of the information above, please contact a member of Hancock Daniel’s [Long-Term Care & Post-Acute Care](#) team.

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