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Assisted Living Facility and Nursing Home Administrators: The Agency for Health Care Administration and Department of Health are working diligently with health care providers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities. To this end, facilities will be visited in the near future by paramedics that will be taking random testing samples from staff and residents who are asymptomatic. Your cooperation and assistance is needed. Please screen with the normal procedures and assist these paramedics in randomly selecting staff and residents who are asymptomatic so that they can collect testing samples as quickly as possible to return to the laboratory for analysis.

Please note that staff should have their temperatures taken throughout the workday. If a staff member presents any symptoms of illness, they should be sent home immediately. Additionally, your facility should already be having all symptomatic residents tested immediately by alerting health care providers and your local county health department.

Your facility should restrict any community outings. If a resident leaves their facility, they will be putting themselves as well as fellow residents and staff at risk.

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