



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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GOVERNOR

ROBERT GORDON
DIRECTOR

**ORDER DIRECTING REGIONAL HUBS TO LIMIT ACCEPTANCE OF
RESIDENTS TO TRANSFERS FROM NURSING HOMES**

During the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in preparation of implementing Executive Order 2020-50, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) has made the following determinations:

1. Nursing homes face an acute risk of COVID-19 spread in their facilities.
2. As of the date of this order, nursing homes have agreed to serve as regional hubs for purposes of Part IV.1(k) of EO 2020-50.
3. Regional hub bed availability will be limited and based on the capacity of participating facilities and MDHHS' capacity to support the hubs.
4. Each regional hub maintains staffing and resources sufficient to care for residents of nursing homes, and may not be equipped to meet the unique needs of residents from other long-term care facilities.
5. Regional hubs have the capacity to accept transfers from other skilled nursing facilities that are unable to properly isolate or quarantine their residents or do not have adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) or from hospitals upon discharge.
6. Narrowing the settings from which regional hubs are permitted to accept admissions will allow the Department to:
 - a. Assess the capacity of regional hubs to accept the transfer of COVID-19-affected residents.

- b. Determine whether any additional operational changes are required before regional hubs can accommodate transfers of residents from other types of long-term care facilities.
- c. Allow the Department to gather data necessary to assess the scope of the risks facing residents of other congregate care facilities across the long-term care environment.

7. EO 2020-50, Part IV.2, provides this Department with the power to issue orders and directives to implement the order.

In accordance with each of the above determinations, **IT IS ORDERED** that regional hubs with capacity must only accept transfers of residents from nursing homes and discharges of COVID-19-positive patients until otherwise instructed by this Department or the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all long-term care facilities must, as soon as is feasible, comply with Parts III.1 and III.2 of EO 2020-50 which require long-term care facilities to (1) report the presence of a COVID-19-affected resident to their local health department within 24 hours of identification and, (2) except in cases where a resident has an advance directive instructing otherwise, transfer a COVID-19-affected resident who is medically unstable to the hospital for evaluation.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

4/20/2020

Date



Robert Gordon
Director