

## HPMS E-Mail

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**Subject:** New Measures to Protect Nursing Home Residents from COVID-19

Today, as part of the broader Trump Administration announcement today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced critical new measures designed to keep America's nursing home residents safe from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The measures take the form of a [memorandum](#) and is based on the [newest recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). It directs nursing homes to significantly restrict visitors and nonessential personnel, as well as restrict communal activities inside nursing homes. The new measures are CMS's latest action to protect America's seniors, who are at highest risk for complications from COVID-19. While visitor restrictions may be difficult for residents and families, it is an important temporary measure for their protection.

You can find the press release here: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-announces-new-measures-protect-nursing-home-residents-covid-19>

And the Memo Nursing Home Guidance QSO-20-14 –NH here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/3-13-2020-nursing-home-guidance-covid-19.pdf>

This guidance, and earlier CMS actions in response to the COVID-19 virus, are part of the ongoing White House Task Force efforts. To keep up with the important work the Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19 click here [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). For information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).