

ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

ORDER TO LIMIT STAFFING AGENCIES AND HOSPICE PROVIDERS FROM STAFFING MORE THAN ONE LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY WITH THE SAME PERSONNEL AND;

ORDER REQUIRING DRIVERS OF VEHICLES EMPLOYED BY BUSINESSES THAT TRANSPORT RESIDENTS OF SUCH FACILITIES TO WEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Pursuant to §§ 252.042, 252.03, 250.06 Wis. Stats.,

Whereas, Long-term care facilities are at high risk for severe COVID-19 outbreaks due to their congregate nature and vulnerable population (e.g., older adults with multiple co-morbidities); and

Whereas, Ill healthcare personnel (HCP) or visitors and others interacting with such population are the most likely sources of introduction of COVID-19 into said facilities; and

Whereas, it is essential to protect this vulnerable population from infection and the complications arising therefrom;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all staffing agencies or similar businesses including hospice providers who provide temporary or full-time staff to work at long-term care facilities in Washington and Ozaukee Counties shall be immediately prohibited from allowing the same personnel from working in multiple facilities during this state of emergency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all individuals who obtain employment at long-term care facilities or who provide hospice or similar services in such facilities are immediately prohibited from working or providing such services in multiple long-term care facilities in Washington and Ozaukee Counties simultaneously and shall immediately disclose to their employer(s) if they are working in more than one long-term care facility in these counties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that businesses that transport residents of long-term care facilities located in Washington and Ozaukee Counties are immediately required to wear personal protective equipment while transporting said residents and that such equipment shall at a minimum include gloves and a facemask, so long as such equipment does not unreasonably obstruct the driver's ability to safely navigate the roadway.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that only transports of residents in long-term care facilities for essential services should be allowed. Essential services are those required for the health, safety, and welfare of the resident as determined by the resident or his or her guardian of the person, if any, or a medical or dental provider, or long-term care facility.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all vehicles involved in the transport of residents as set forth in this Order shall be deep cleaned at a minimum of each day that a transport is occurring or scheduled to occur.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each separately licensed facility that exists within a larger facility or on a campus shall be treated as a separate facility under this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that long-term care facilities under this Order shall include those facilities as defined in Wis. Stat. 50.01(1), (1g), (1m), (3), and (6d), and DHS 122.03(16).

Dated this 25th day of March, 2020,



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