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SUBJECT: CT Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System

The attached document is for your attention.



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CT Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System Updates reflecting widespread testing of residents (June 26, 2020)

On Friday, June 26, 2019, when you log into the FLIS portal (at dphflisevents.ct.gov) you will see four changes to the CT Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Daily Reporting System. Thank you for your patience as we continue to modify the portal to improve the usefulness of the data collected in an ever changing COVID-19 landscape.

1. Presumptive cases will now be called suspect to be more consistent with NHSN terminology.

A suspected case is a resident without a COVID-19 (SARS CoV-2) laboratory viral PCR test indicating current infection who has signs and symptoms comparable with COVID-19. Suspect cases should include residents you are treating as a COVID-19 case pending test results.

2. You will no longer be required to put residents with suspect (formerly presumptive) COVID-19 cases on the line list.

Given the widespread availability of testing, you will only be required to put residents with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 (lab confirmed by PCR testing) on the line list. The addition of new laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 positive residents will continue to fulfill the reporting requirement for the COVID-19 Case Report Form. Daily count data on suspect cases will still be collected in Section 3. You do not need to remove previously added residents with suspect (formerly presumptive) COVID-19.

3. All facilities will be required to enter information on the number of pending COVID-19 tests.

Until now, facilities that did not have any residents with COVID-19 were not asked about the number of pending COVID-19 tests. However, now all facilities will be asked this question.

4. Hospital name and date of first admission for COVID-19 have been added to the line list.

Hospital name and date of first hospital admission for COVID-19 have been added to the line list. As you add new residents to the list or update the record of a resident who is hospitalized, please complete this information. DPH is working to document the burden of COVID-19 and this change will make it easier to review the hospital charts of residents affected by this illness.



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