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TO: Nursing Homes

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DATE: January 14, 2022

SUBJECT: Visitation and masking

The Department of Public Health (DPH) would like to remind all nursing homes that according to QSO Memo-20-39 (Revised 11/12/21), "if the nursing home's county COVID-19 community level of transmission is substantial to high, **all residents and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, should wear face coverings or masks and physically distance, at all times.**" Additional information on levels of community transmission is available on the CDC's COVID-19 Integrated County View webpage.

Please take additional measures to make visitation safer, while ensuring visitation can still occur. This includes requiring that, during visits, residents and visitors wear masks that are well-fitting, and preferably those with better protection, such as surgical masks or KN95.



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