




# LTC Reporting: Residents or Staff Either Symptomatic or Confirmed with COVID-19

This guide is to assist in determining when, how, and who to report cases of residents and staff with symptoms of or confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.

 <b>IDPH</b>	Report to IDPH, by calling 1-800-362-2736, when two or more residents OR staff have symptoms of COVID-19; or with each confirmed positive resident or staff.
 <b>Residents, their Representatives, and Families</b>	By 5pm the next business day when: Three or more staff or residents demonstrate symptoms (new onset of respiratory symptoms) within 72 hours; or one or more residents or staff test positive for COVID-19; and at least weekly thereafter on a cumulative basis.  (Must also include mitigating actions to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including if normal operations will be altered, e.g., restrictions to visitation.)
 <b>CDC/ NHSN Portal</b>	Report all required information through the CDC/NHSN system at least weekly.  Note: CMS is mandating all nursing homes report the required data no later than May 17, 2020 at 11:59 PM, and weekly thereafter. CMS recommends the data be submitted on a consistent day of the week (e.g., every Tuesday).

## References

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