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To: Assisted Living Administrators

RE: Decedent Removal from Assisted Living Residences

Again, thank you for all your continued hard work, understanding, and compassion during this very challenging time.

It is understood that Assisted Living Residences (ALRs) have processes in place for the removal of decedents from their respective residences. In the event of a resident death during the COVID-19 pandemic, we ask that you continue to follow your current processes/protocols and do the following:

- The ALR **must** disclose to the livery service or funeral home personnel who come to retrieve the resident if the decedent was COVID-19 positive or if the COVID-19 virus was suspected.
- The ALR staff must create a clear path where the livery service or funeral home personnel will travel from the point of entering the building to the decedent's room without encountering other residents.

In addition, we ask that each ALR ensure that Advance Directives for residents are up to date and that staff on each shift are aware of the resident's wishes as required in 216-RICR-40-10-2, Licensing of Assisted Living Residences, Section 2.4.13 Management of Services,

K. Directives

- a. The residence shall have written policies and procedures that address advanced directives that shall include, but not be limited to, sufficient instructions for employees to follow in the event of emergencies and the resuscitation of residents.

We appreciate your adherence to these additional requests.