

Assisted Living State-Wide Calls COVID-19
Testing Guidance and Stage 4 Reopening Agenda
June 17, 2020 and June 19, 2020

1. Introduction by Jamie.
2. Overview of the Diagnosis of COVID-19 and Overview of Stage 4 Protocol for LTCF (ALFs, SNFs and ICFs) Carolyn Bridges, MD, FACP Bridges Med-Epi Consulting, LLC & Marcia Witte, MD Division of Public Health.
3. Twin Falls Manor – Assisted Living dedicated to care of COVID-19 positive residents – Rebecca Higbee, Pennant Health Care
 - Located in Twin Falls; phone number: 208-320-8383 (Emilia).
 - First resident admitted at end of April, with a consistent census since then.
 - Goal: Resource in community for those appropriate for assisted living level of care.
 - Accepts COVID positive and suspected residents.
 - They have 80 assisted living beds, with 14 secure memory care beds.
 - All rooms are private.
 - Residents can use their PCP, but facility also has a group of providers who work closely with them via telehealth and in person.
 - Strict guidelines for what residents bring into facility, such as essentials, clothing and medications, etc. to mitigate risk of bringing virus in.
 - Working to get residents back out to their community is the goal by following CDC guidelines for testing.
 - Payments: Accept Medicaid, private pay, third party pay, and they will work with families.
 - Jamie: Transport companies will transport anywhere in Idaho to this facility.
5. Cheryl Craig, Health Program Specialist, District IV (attended 6/19/2020 meeting)
 - Since March there have been 34 long-term care facility outbreaks (at least 1 positive staff member or resident).
 - Last week there were 4 new facility outbreaks.
 - Last two days there have been an additional 4 new facility outbreaks.
 - There have been 8 new open investigations.
 - Earlier outbreaks saw more residents who were positive, now it is the staff members who are testing positive.
 - Outbreak is over when two incubation periods (28 days) have passed since last symptom onset date associated with facility. If last positive person did not have symptoms, go by test date.
4. Updates from Licensing and Certification – Jamie Simpson
 - Phones: Phone times are now 7 am to 6 pm M-F. If after hours, leave a message.
 - PPE documentation: It is critical IRTS and Survey 1-2-3 be done daily.
 - Rule changes:
 - Effective July 1 new rule changes will be on the RALF website.

- <https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Providers/ProvidersFacilities/StateonlyPrograms/ResidentialCareorAssistedLiving/tabid/361/Default.aspx>
- Question and answer sessions will be held in July.

5. RALF website-COVID toolkit.

- Coronavirus resources.
- Information about testing
- Any new published information.
- PPE vendors.
- Webinar series.

5. Questions and Wrap-Up