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## **CMS CALL TODAY: COVID-19 with Nursing Homes**

Please join the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a call on **COVID-19 with Nursing Homes today at 4:30 PM EST**. CMS leadership will provide updates on the agency's latest guidance. There will be audience Q&A and an opportunity for you to share best practices with your peers. The call will be recorded if you are unable to join.

**Wednesday, March 25th**

**4:30 – 5:00 PM EST**

Attendee Dial-In: **(877) 251-0301** Conference ID: **7983218**

*This call will be recorded.*

## **CDC Releases COVID-19 Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released guidance for [retirement and independent living communities](#), including assisted living communities that do not provide medical services. AHCA/NCAL has learned that the CDC will be releasing guidance for assisted living communities in the coming days. Until that guidance is published, we strongly recommend that members follow [AHCA/NCAL's previously issued recommendations](#) on [visitors](#), [communal dining](#) and events.

The CDC guidance for retirement communities and independent living is similar to AHCA/NCAL's guidance in that they suggest canceling all public or non-essential group activities and events, cleaning and disinfecting all areas, [screening visitors](#) when appropriate and possible and posting information related to COVID-19.

In recognizing the home-like environment of these residences, the guidance also highlights [asking residents to self-monitor](#), asking residents to ensure they have needed medications, etc. The guidance also recommends that providers work with the local department of health if a positive case of COVID-19 were to

be found in the building. It is key to note that the guidance covers retirement communities, assisted living communities that are a less medical model, and CCRCs. Again, we recommend that members utilize AHCA/NCAL's more robust [guidance](#) as well.

For additional questions, please email [COVID19@ahca.org](mailto:COVID19@ahca.org) and visit [www.ahcancal.org/coronavirus](http://www.ahcancal.org/coronavirus) for more information and resources.

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