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Attention Long Term Care Facility Administrators in King County
Important COVID-19 Request

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Dear long term care facility administrator or provider,

In order to identify the extent of the COVID-19 pandemic in Seattle and King County, Public Health is requesting that all deaths in residents of licensed Long Term Care Facilities (including skilled nursing facilities, adult family homes, and assisted living facilities, supportive living and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities) be reported to the King County Medical Examiner's Office (MEO) to determine if post-mortem COVID-19 testing is indicated.

Deaths must be reported by a medical provider, if you have one working in or with your facility, or by law enforcement. If you have test kits in your facility, we ask that you please conduct COVID-19 testing.

Please notify the MEO at 206-731-3232 (open 24/7) of any deaths that occur in your facility as quickly as possible, or within 72 hours of time of death.

Thank you for your cooperation,



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