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January 12, 2021

Administrator
Tweeten Lutheran Health Care Center
125 5th Avenue Southeast
Spring Grove, MN 55974

RE: CCN: 245429
Cycle Start Date: November 17, 2020

Dear Administrator:

On December 10, 2020, we notified you a remedy was imposed. On January 7, 2021 the Minnesota Department of Health completed a revisit to verify that your facility had achieved and maintained compliance. We have determined that your facility has achieved substantial compliance as of December 23, 2020.

As authorized by CMS the remedy of:

- Discretionary denial of payment for new Medicare and Medicaid admissions effective January 24, 2021 did not go into effect. (42 CFR 488.417 (b))

In our letter of December 10, 2020, in accordance with Federal law, as specified in the Act at § 1819(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(b) and § 1919(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(b), we notified you that your facility was prohibited from conducting a Nursing Aide Training and/or Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) for two years from January 24, 2021 due to denial of payment for new admissions. Since your facility attained substantial compliance on December 23, 2020, the original triggering remedy, denial of payment for new admissions, did not go into effect. Therefore, the NATCEP prohibition is rescinded. However, this does not apply to or affect any previously imposed NATCEP loss.

The CMS Region V Office may notify you of their determination regarding any imposed remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Poepping'.

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Dear Administrator:

On November 17, 2020, a survey was completed at your facility by the Minnesota Department(s) of Health to determine if your facility was in compliance with Federal participation requirements for skilled nursing facilities and/or nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.

This survey found the most serious deficiencies in your facility to be widespread deficiencies that constitute no actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not immediate jeopardy (Level F), as evidenced by the electronically delivered CMS-2567, whereby significant corrections are required.

REMEDIES

As a result of the survey findings and in accordance with survey and certification memo 16-31-NH, this Department recommended the enforcement remedy(ies) listed below to the CMS Region V Office for imposition. The CMS Region V Office concurs and is imposing the following remedy and has authorized this Department to notify you of the imposition:

- Discretionary Denial of Payment for new Medicare and/or Medicaid Admissions, Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.417(a), effective January 24, 2021.
- Directed plan of correction (DPOC), Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.424. Please see electronically attached documents for the DPOC.

The CMS Region V Office will notify your Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) that the denial of payment for new admissions is effective January 24, 2021. They will also notify the State Medicaid Agency that they must also deny payment for new Medicaid admissions effective January 24, 2021.

You should notify all Medicare/Medicaid residents admitted on, or after, this date of the restriction. The remedy must remain in effect until your facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance or your provider agreement is terminated. Please note that the denial of payment for

new admissions includes Medicare/Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in managed care plans. It is your obligation to inform managed care plans contracting with your facility of this denial of payment for new admissions.

NURSE AIDE TRAINING PROHIBITION

Please note that Federal law, as specified in the Act at §§ 1819(f)(2)(B) and 1919(f)(2)(B), prohibits approval of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs and nurse aide competency evaluation programs offered by, or in, a facility which, within the previous two years, has operated under a § 1819(b)(4)(C)(ii)(II) or § 1919(b)(4)(C)(ii) waiver (i.e., waiver of full-time registered professional nurse); has been subject to an extended or partial extended survey as a result of a finding of substandard quality of care; has been assessed a total civil money penalty of not less than \$11,160; has been subject to a denial of payment, the appointment of a temporary manager or termination; or, in the case of an emergency, has been closed and/or had its residents transferred to other facilities.

If you have not achieved substantial compliance by January 24, 2021, the remedy of denial of payment for new admissions will go into effect and this provision will apply to your facility. Therefore, Tweeten Lutheran Health Care Center will be prohibited from offering or conducting a Nurse Aide Training and/or Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) for two years from January 24, 2021. You will receive further information regarding this from the State agency. This prohibition is not subject to appeal. Further, this prohibition may be rescinded at a later date if your facility achieves substantial compliance prior to the effective date of denial of payment for new admissions. However, under Public Law 105-15, you may contact the State agency and request a waiver of this prohibition if certain criteria are met.

ELECTRONIC PLAN OF CORRECTION (ePOC)

Within ten (10) calendar days after your receipt of this notice, you must submit an acceptable ePOC for the deficiencies cited. An acceptable ePOC will serve as your allegation of compliance. Upon receipt of an acceptable ePOC, we will authorize a revisit to your facility to determine if substantial compliance has been achieved. The failure to submit an acceptable ePOC can lead to termination of your Medicare and Medicaid participation (42 CFR 488.456(b)).

To be acceptable, a provider's ePOC must include the following:

- How corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- How the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.
- What measures will be put into place, or systemic changes made, to ensure that the deficient practice will not recur.
- How the facility will monitor its corrective actions to ensure that the deficient practice is being corrected and will not recur.
- The date that each deficiency will be corrected.
- An electronic acknowledgement signature and date by an official facility representative.

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Questions regarding this letter and all documents submitted as a response to the resident care deficiencies (those preceded by a "F" tag), and emergency preparedness deficiencies (those preceded by an "E" tag), i.e., the plan of correction should be directed to:

Jennifer Kolsrud Brown, RN, Unit Supervisor
Rochester District Office
Licensing and Certification Program
Health Regulation Division
Minnesota Department of Health
18 Wood Lake Drive Southeast
Rochester, Minnesota 55904-5506
Email: jennifer.kolsrud@state.mn.us
Office: (507) 206-2727 Mobile: (507) 461-9125

PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE - CREDIBLE ALLEGATION OF COMPLIANCE

The facility's ePoC will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance. In order for your allegation of compliance to be acceptable to the Department, the ePoC must meet the criteria listed in the plan of correction section above. You will be notified by the Minnesota Department of Health - Health Regulation Division staff and/or the Department of Public Safety, State Fire Marshal Division staff, if your ePoC for their respective deficiencies (if any) is acceptable.

VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE

Upon receipt of an acceptable ePoC, a Post Certification Revisit (PCR), of your facility will be conducted to validate that substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.

If substantial compliance has been achieved, certification of your facility in the Medicare and/or Medicaid program(s) will be continued and remedies will not be imposed. Compliance is certified as of the latest correction date on the approved ePoC, unless it is determined that either correction actually occurred between the latest correction date on the ePoC and the date of the first revisit, or correction occurred sooner than the latest correction date on the ePoC.

FAILURE TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE BY THE SIXTH MONTH AFTER THE LAST DAY OF THE SURVEY

We will also recommend to the CMS Region V Office and/or the Minnesota Department of Human Services that your provider agreement be terminated by May 17, 2021 if your facility does not achieve substantial compliance. This action is mandated by the Social Security Act at § 1819(h)(2)(C) and 1919(h)(3)(D) and Federal regulations at 42 CFR § 488.412 and § 488.456.

Please note that this notice does not constitute formal notice of imposition of alternative remedies or termination of your provider agreement. Should the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services determine that termination or any other remedy is warranted, it will provide you with a separate formal notification of that determination.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you disagree with this action imposed on your facility, you or your legal representative may request a hearing before an administrative law judge of the Department of Health and Human Services, Departmental Appeals Board (DAB). Procedures governing this process are set out in 42 C.F.R. 498.40, et seq. You must file your hearing request electronically by using the Departmental Appeals Board's Electronic Filing System (DAB E-File) at <https://dab.efile.hhs.gov> no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter. Specific instructions on how to file electronically are attached to this notice. A copy of the hearing request shall be submitted electronically to:

Tamika.Brown@cms.hhs.gov

Requests for a hearing submitted by U.S. mail or commercial carrier are no longer accepted as of October 1, 2014, unless you do not have access to a computer or internet service. In those circumstances you may call the Civil Remedies Division to request a waiver from e-filing and provide an explanation as to why you cannot file electronically or you may mail a written request for a waiver along with your written request for a hearing. A written request for a hearing must be filed no later than sixty (60) days after receiving this letter, by mailing to the following address:

**Department of Health & Human Services
Departmental Appeals Board, MS 6132
Director, Civil Remedies Division
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Cohen Building – Room G-644
Washington, D.C. 20201
(202) 565-9462**

A request for a hearing should identify the specific issues, findings of fact and conclusions of law with which you disagree. It should also specify the basis for contending that the findings and conclusions are incorrect. At an appeal hearing, you may be represented by counsel at your own expense. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Tamika Brown, Principal Program Representative by phone at (312) 353-1502 or by e-mail at Tamika.Brown@cms.hhs.gov.

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IDR) / INDEPENDENT INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION (IIDR)

In accordance with 42 CFR 488.331, you have one opportunity to question cited deficiencies through an informal dispute resolution process. You are required to send your written request, along with the specific deficiencies being disputed, and an explanation of why you are disputing those deficiencies, to:

Nursing Home Informal Dispute Process

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Minnesota Department of Health
Health Regulation Division
P.O. Box 64900
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0900

This request must be sent within the same ten days you have for submitting an ePoC for the cited deficiencies. All requests for an IDR or IIDR of federal deficiencies must be submitted via the web at: https://mdhprovidercontent.web.health.state.mn.us/lrc_idr.cfm

You must notify MDH at this website of your request for an IDR or IIDR within the 10 calendar day period allotted for submitting an acceptable electronic plan of correction. A copy of the Department's informal dispute resolution policies are posted on the MDH Information Bulletin website at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib04_8.html

Please note that the failure to complete the informal dispute resolution process will not delay the dates specified for compliance or the imposition of remedies.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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E 000	Initial Comments	E 000			
F 000	<p>A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted on 11/16/20, and 11/17/20 at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with Emergency Preparedness regulations §483.73(b)(6). The facility was IN full compliance</p> <p>Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form.</p> <p>Clean survey: Although no plan of correction is required, it is required that the facility acknowledge receipt of the electronic documents.</p> <p>INITIAL COMMENTS</p> <p>A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control survey was conducted on 11/16/20 and 11/17/20 at your facility by the Minnesota Department of Health to determine compliance with §483.80 Infection Control. The facility was determined NOT to be in compliance.</p> <p>The facility's plan of correction (POC) will serve as your allegation of compliance upon the Department's acceptance.</p> <p>Because you are enrolled in ePOC, your signature is not required at the bottom of the first page of the CMS-2567 form.</p> <p>Upon receipt of an acceptable electronic POC, a revisit of your facility will be conducted to validate substantial compliance with the regulations has been attained in accordance with your verification.</p>	F 000			
F 880 SS=F	Infection Prevention & Control CFR(s): 483.80(a)(1)(2)(4)(e)(f)	F 880		12/23/20	

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

TITLE

(X6) DATE

Electronically Signed

12/18/2020

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

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F 880	Continued From page 1 §483.80 Infection Control The facility must establish and maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections. §483.80(a) Infection prevention and control program. The facility must establish an infection prevention and control program (IPCP) that must include, at a minimum, the following elements: §483.80(a)(1) A system for preventing, identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases for all residents, staff, volunteers, visitors, and other individuals providing services under a contractual arrangement based upon the facility assessment conducted according to §483.70(e) and following accepted national standards; §483.80(a)(2) Written standards, policies, and procedures for the program, which must include, but are not limited to: (i) A system of surveillance designed to identify possible communicable diseases or infections before they can spread to other persons in the facility; (ii) When and to whom possible incidents of communicable disease or infections should be reported; (iii) Standard and transmission-based precautions to be followed to prevent spread of infections;	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>(iv)When and how isolation should be used for a resident; including but not limited to: (A) The type and duration of the isolation, depending upon the infectious agent or organism involved, and (B) A requirement that the isolation should be the least restrictive possible for the resident under the circumstances. (v) The circumstances under which the facility must prohibit employees with a communicable disease or infected skin lesions from direct contact with residents or their food, if direct contact will transmit the disease; and (vi)The hand hygiene procedures to be followed by staff involved in direct resident contact.</p> <p>§483.80(a)(4) A system for recording incidents identified under the facility's IPCP and the corrective actions taken by the facility.</p> <p>§483.80(e) Linens. Personnel must handle, store, process, and transport linens so as to prevent the spread of infection.</p> <p>§483.80(f) Annual review. The facility will conduct an annual review of its IPCP and update their program, as necessary. This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on observation, interview and document review the facility failed to implement CDC (Centers for Disease Control) and CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services) guidance/recommendations for 2 of 2 residents (R1, R2) when the facility failed to separate a symptomatic resident from a healthy resident roommate. The facility failed to ensure proper</p>	F 880	<p>F880 Gundersen Tweeten Care Center will continue to maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment and to help prevent development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections.</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>infection control procedures were followed for to prevent and/or mitigate the risk of an outbreak of COVID-19. This deficient practice had the potential to affect all 29 residents residing in the facility and staff who were at risk for contracting COVID-19.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>CMS Blanket Waiver List dated 3/30/2020, included CMS is waiving the requirements in 42CFR 483.10(e) (5), (6), and (7) solely for the purposes of grouping residents with respiratory illness symptoms and/or residents with confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, and separating them from residents who are asymptomatic or tested negative for COVID-19. This action waives a facilities requirement under 42 CFR 483.10, to provide for a resident to share a room with his or her roommate of choice in certain circumstances, to provide notice and rationale for changing a resident's room, and to provide for resident's room, and to provide for a resident's refusal a transfer to another room in the facility this aligns with CDC guidance to preferably place residents in locations designed to care for COVID-19 residents, to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to other residents.</p> <p>CMS memo COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Guidance, dated 4/2/20, directed nursing homes to immediately ensure they were complying with all CMS and CDC guidance related to infection control which included the use of standard, contact and droplet precautions. In addition, the memo directed long-term care facilities to separate patients and residents who have COVID-19 from patients and residents who did</p>	F 880	<p>On 11/3/20 R1 was identified to have symptoms that were vague and were identified to be exacerbations of R1's chronic conditions. On 11/5/20 R1 was separated from R2. All other residents were reviewed for signs and symptoms of COVID -19. All residents that have demonstrated symptoms of COVID-19 have been separated from their roommates timely. R1 and R2 were confirmed to be negative for covid-19, following their separation and isolation. All other residents were tested on 11/5/20 due to facility conducting outbreak testing and all other residents received negative COVID-19 test results as well.</p> <p>The bins labeled dirty gowns were removed from the hallways and a bin for dirty gowns was placed in each of the soiled utility rooms. The bins labeled clean gowns were left in the hallways. Along with this, bottles of hand sanitizer were placed throughout the resident care units to ensure easy access to hand sanitizer. Command strips were hung up just inside the door of each resident room to allow staff to hang a plastic bag on and to be able to doff their PPE inside the resident's room. Staff then place their PPE in the plastic bag to be carried to the soiled utility room and place the bag in bin. HSKP-A was re-educated that the practice of lifting out a bag and spraying the bin is not supported within our policy. The white isolation signs posted on doors for all residents were changed to be lime green in color for residents on isolation related to Covid-19. This way ancillary</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 4 not, or whose status was unknown.</p> <p>According to the census reports, R1 and R2 resided in the same room on unit II.</p> <p>R1's Resident Face Sheet, indicated R1 was admitted to the facility on 4/24/20. R1's diagnosis of vascular dementia without behavioral disturbance, major depressive disorder single episode, weakness and essential (primary) hypertension.</p> <p>R1's admission Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated 9/27/20, indicated R1 had severely impaired cognition.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 10/31/2020, at 12:56 p.m. indicated resident did not have his bath this morning due to not feeling well.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/01/2020, at 11:19 a.m. indicated resident had his bath this morning. Transferring with EZ stand (mechanical stand) as he continues to be weak and unsteady. No edema noted in extremities. Both hands dusky in color and cold. Ate 100% of his breakfast by staff feeding him. Limited in his propelling about in hallway.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/02/2020, at 10:52 a.m. indicated resident weak and tired this morning all cares provided for him. Pivot transferred from bed to wheelchair with FWW (front wheeled walker) and 2 staff. Out to DR [dining room] for breakfast ate about 50%. He has no complaints of ailments. Wanted to lay back down after breakfast, transferred with EZ stand at this time and he has been resting well.</p>	F 880	<p>staff can easily identify that they should not enter that room. The Director of Dietary revised the Food Service Tray Distribution policy to reflect that dietary staff should not enter rooms for residents on isolation related to Covid-19 and clearly define when hand hygiene should be completed when passing trays to include in between each tray pass. All staff were re-educated on the above systems and educated on the revised systems and policy revisions on 12/17/20 and 12/18/20. The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, and other leaders in the building will conduct routine audits on all shifts four times a week for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met. Audits should continue until 100% compliance is met. The Infection Preventionist will immediately report to the QAPI committee any problems identified with PPE, Environmental, Hand Hygiene or room re-assignment due to covid-19 symptoms to determine gaps in the Infection Control program and actions that need to be taken to resolve identified areas of concern.</p>		

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>Lab down to draw lab work. Therapy attempted to walk with resident he agreed to go to therapy but unable to stand for therapist.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/03/2020, at 3:43 p.m. indicated seen today by physician assistant. Following text is from provider Epic notes- "[R1] has been nauseated and not eating well. He feels generally unwell. A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in the facility. With his symptoms, I did order a Tier 1 symptomatic COVID test. Amlodipine (used to treat high blood pressure) was also started today for hypertension. His bowels are moving more regularly with the increase in his laxatives. We will await the results of the COVID test. Nursing staff will continue to monitor and will notify of any changes or decompensation in patient condition".</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/05/2020, at 1:48 p.m. indicated checked for result of covid PCR test through [provider], questioned whether currier had delivered test; call placed to covid nurse line, could not confirm test was received. Orders received from [Medical Doctor]: do point of care (POC) covid test. Record results. Continue with isolation plan while awaiting PCR confirmatory test. POC test done, results negative.</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/05/2020, at 2:44 p.m. indicated resident continues to be lethargic and staff has been using EZ stand to transfer. Out to DR (dining room) for meals today appetite poor staff supervises. Dependent on staff for wheelchair mobility. Resident moved to private room as temporary move due to illness and awaiting results from Covid test.</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>R1's progress note dated 11/06/2020, at 11:11 a.m. resident has been very lethargic and moaning in pain. Visible facial grimacing. When asked if he is in pain he states "Yes" or will nod his head. He is unable to say where he is in pain. B/P (blood pressure): 112/85 @ (at) 0900. Resident ate 2-4 bites of breakfast. Was unable to swallow thickened liquids. Toothettes have been used to ensure proper mouth care and to help aid in fluid intake. Resident was heard moaning in pain and yelling of help, when staff arrived he was very pale, glossy eyed and grimacing. B/P (blood pressure): 72/44, P (pulse):63, O2 (oxygen saturation): 95% RA (room air), T (temperature):96.4 at that time. Resident was able to stand in EZ Stand.</p> <p>R2 R2's Resident Face Sheet, indicated R2 was admitted to the facility on 2/3/20. R2's diagnosis of Parkinson's, adverse effect of antiparkinsonism drugs and other central muscle-tone depressants, chronic kidney disease, stage 3 (moderate), type 2 diabetes mellitus with unspecified complications, unspecified dementia without behavioral disturbance and unspecified psychosis not due to a substance or known physiological condition</p> <p>R2's quarterly Minimum Data Set (MDS) dated 10/27/20 indicated R2 had moderately impaired cognition.</p> <p>R2's progress note dated 11/05/2020, at 1:02 p.m. indicated covid test performed today by this writer, resident tolerated test well. Will continue to monitor for any respiratory symptoms of</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 7 concern. Resident does not report any respiratory symptoms at this time.</p> <p>R2's progress note dated 11/05/2020, at 1:52 p.m. indicated rapid POC covid test ordered by provider [Medical Doctor], due to roommate of this person developed vague symptoms. Rapid test negative. Continue with isolation protocol and await PCR result.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/16/20, at 2:10 p.m. registered nurse (RN)-A stated we strive to separate residents from roommates if one of them were to start displaying symptoms. RN-A stated she would like them moved/separated from the roommate for the purpose of protecting the exposed roommate from further exposure, just in case it was COVID we have not left them in the same room. RN-A verified R1 was moved from the room shared with R2 on 11/5/2020 and verified the facility did have an available room R1 could have been moved to on 11/3/2020.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/16/20, at 3:04 p.m. the director of nursing (DON) stated the expectation was we would move the resident from their roommate. The DON verified R1 was moved on 11/5/20 per the census report.</p> <p>During an observation of unit 2 wing on 11/16/20, at 9:40 a.m. several small garbage bins with lids labeled dirty gowns were placed throughout hallway with one directly placed next to clean precautions cart with disinfecting wipes and gloves on top of cart, placed outside of R3 room who was on droplet precautions. There were four hand sanitizer wall units placed throughout hallway with a few pump hand sanitizer containers near nurse station and on medication</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 8</p> <p>cart. There were 2 tall garbage bins with lids and 2 laundry carts covered that contained clean re-usable gowns placed throughout hallway. The 2 large trash bins with clean gowns was labeled clean gowns.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/16/20, at 09:43 a.m. LPN-A stated staff wear gowns and gloves in all resident rooms to be safe if providing direct cares. LPN-A stated staff are to wear N95 mask into resident room on precautions. LPN-A stated staff are to doff gown and gloves in the resident room doorway then dispose of at nearest dirty gown bin and garbage. LPN-A stated they are screening resident temperature, respirations, oxygen saturation, and pulse three times a day and documenting. LPN-A stated they ask residents how they are feeling and document if any symptoms.</p> <p>During an observation on 11/16/20, at 11:07 a.m. nursing assistant (NA)-A exited resident room and walked across hall to dirty gown bin and removed her gown and placed it in the bin and walked down hallway to sink to perform hand hygiene. NA-A stated they are to doff gown and gloves at door and place in dirty gown bin.</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 11/16/20 at 11:12 a.m., housekeeping (HSKP)-A was observed to be pulling up garbage bag filled with dirty gowns out of the bin in the hall and spraying inside of bin with disinfectant deodorizer. HSKP-A was observed to replace the garbage bag containing the dirty gowns into the just sprayed bin and replace the lid and move onto next one. HSKP-A briefly stopped and stated she is using a disinfectant spray for the bins.</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>During an observation and interview on 11/16/20, at 11:30 a.m. dietary aide (DA)-A was observed delivering lunch trays to three different residents wearing gloves but with no hand hygiene in between. DA-A was observed wearing gloves, delivered tray into room of resident and exited then took another meal tray off cart and delivered to another resident then assisted this resident with clothes protector and tray placement. DA-A then exited and took another tray and walked hallway and into resident room who is on droplet precautions wearing same gloves and did not don a gown. DA-A exited room and headed back to cart with trays when surveyor intervened before she took another tray from cart. DA-A was still wearing same gloves and crossed arms into personal clothing when surveyor asked when she is to perform hand hygiene. DA-A replied that she was not sure if she was instructed when to perform hand hygiene nor what to do for residents on precautions.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/16/20, at 11:30 a.m. DA-B stated they had been instructed to use hand sanitizer in between tray delivering. DA-B stated they had not been instructed on what to do with resident on precautions.</p> <p>During an interview on 11/16/20, at 11:45 a.m. RN-A stated staff including dietary are expected to use hand hygiene before entering and upon exiting resident rooms. RN-A stated staff including dietary are expected to wear gown if resident is on precautions. RN-A stated dietary staff would be expected to don and doff PPE appropriately when entering and exiting room of resident on precautions or to have nursing staff</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 10</p> <p>deliver the meal tray. RN-A stated dirty gown bins and linen hampers are placed to be within a few steps of rooms. RN-A stated staff are to doff gown and gloves in room not hallway and dispose of gown and gloves in appropriate bins in the hallway. RN-A stated she would like a station for each room but there is no space inside room so it is at or near the doorway. RN-A stated she is aware of the limited amount of hand sanitizer in the hallways and that it is not readily available exiting each room. RN-A stated housekeeping are to disinfect the dirty bins when emptying and to replace with a clean bag. RN-A said they are not to place the same dirty bag back in the bin after disinfecting.</p> <p>Review of facility policy on Using Gowns (PPE) last revised on 11/26/19 indicated when use of gown is indicated, all personnel must put on the gown before treating or touching the resident and after completing the treatment or procedure gowns must be discarded in the appropriate container located in the room. Procedure guidelines for removing the gown included to remove gloves and discard them into a waste receptacle in the room, discard gown into soiled laundry container inside the room, and wash hands.</p> <p>Review of facility policy on Droplet precautions last revised 4/1/20, indicated it is applicable to all staff providing goods and services to a person requiring droplet precaution measures. It stated droplet transmission is a form of contact transmission and some infectious agents transmitted by the droplet route also may be transmitted by the direct and indirect contact routes. It stated droplet precautions are intended</p>	F 880			

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F 880	<p>Continued From page 11</p> <p>to prevent transmission of pathogens spread through close respiratory or mucous membrane contact with respiratory secretions necessitating facial protection. It stated a single resident room is preferred for residents who require droplet precautions and healthcare personnel are to wear a mask and eye protection for close contact with infectious resident.</p> <p>Review hand hygiene policy last revised 3/31/20 indicated to assume that everyone is potentially infected or colonized with an organism that could be transmitted in the healthcare setting. It indicated that hand hygiene continues to be the primary means of preventing the transmission of infection and that during the delivery of healthcare to avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces in close proximity to the patient to prevent both contamination of clean hands from environmental surfaces and transmission of pathogens from contaminated hands to surfaces. It indicated that if hands are not visibly soiled, decontaminate hands use of alcohol based hand sanitizer and handwashing with soap and water. It indicated staff are to perform hand hygiene before having direct contact with residents and after contact with objects in the immediate vicinity of the resident.</p> <p>Facility policy and procedure for Pandemic cleaning/Disinfecting resident rooms did not include the spraying of disinfectant into trash bins containing dirty gowns.</p>	F 880			

DIRECTED PLAN OF CORRECTION

A Directed Plan of Correction (DPOC) is imposed in accordance with 42 CFR § 488.424. Your facility must include the following in their POC for the deficient practice cited at F880:

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
- Address how the facility will identify other residents having the potential to be affected by the same deficient practice.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES/SYSTEM CHANGES:

- The facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee must conduct a root cause analysis (RCA) to identify the problem(s) that resulted in this deficiency and develop intervention or corrective action plan to prevent recurrence.

The Infection Preventionist and Director of Nursing, shall complete the following:

- Review policies and procedures for donning/doffing PPE during COVID-19 with current guidelines to include crisis standard of care, contingency standard of care and standard care.
- Review policies regarding standard and transmission based precautions and revise as needed.

TRAINING/EDUCATION:

As a part of corrective action plan, the facility must provide training for the Infection Preventionist, the Director of Nursing, all staff providing direct care to residents, and all staff entering resident's rooms, whether it be for residents' dietary needs or cleaning and maintenance services. The training must cover standard infection control practices, including but not limited to, transmission-based precautions, appropriate PPE use, and donning and doffing of PPE.

- The training may be provided by the Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, or Medical Director with an attestation statement of completion.
- The training must include competency testing of staff and this must be documented.
- Residents and their representatives should receive education on the facility's Infection Prevention Control Program as it related to them and to the degree possible/consistent with resident's capacity.
- Online infection prevention training courses may be utilized. The CDC and MDH websites have several infection control training modules and materials.

CDC RESOURCES:

Infection Control Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

CDC: Isolation Precautions Guideline:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (2007): <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Personal Protective Equipment: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ppe/>

Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control-faq.html

MDH RESOURCES:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Infection Control:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/ppe/index.html>

MDH Contingency Standards of Care for COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment for Congregate Care Settings (PDF): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/surge/crisis/ppegrid.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Facemasks as a Source Control Measure (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/maskssource.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Alternative Facemasks (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/masksalt.pdf>

Aerosol-Generating Procedures and Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/aerosol.pdf>

Droplet Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

Airborne Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

MONITORING/AUDITING:

- The Director of Nursing, the Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct audits of donning/doffing PPE with Transmission Based Precautions i.e. Droplet precautions.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct routine audits on all shifts four times a week for one week, then twice weekly for one week once compliance is met. Audits should continue until 100% compliance is met on source control masking for staff, visitors and residents.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, and other facility leadership will conduct real time audits on all aerosolized generating procedures to ensure PPE is in use.
- The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist, or designee will review the results of audits and monitoring with the Quality Assurance Program Improvement (QAPI) program.

ENVIRONMENT

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
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POLICIES/PROCEDURES/SYSTEM CHANGES:

- The facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee must conduct a root cause analysis (RCA) to identify the problem(s) that resulted in this deficiency and develop intervention or corrective action plan to prevent recurrence.
- The director of housekeeping, director of maintenance, and director of nursing must review policies and procedures regarding disinfecting multiuse/shared equipment/items and/or environmental disinfection to ensure they meet the CDC guidance for disinfection in health care facilities and follow disinfectant product manufacturer directions for use including contact time.

TRAINING/EDUCATION:

- The Director of Housekeeping/Maintenance, and/or Director of Nursing, or Infection Preventionist must train all staff responsible for resident care equipment and environment on the facility policies/practices for proper disinfection, including following manufacturer direction for use. Each staff person must demonstrate competency at the conclusion of the training.

Training and competency testing must be documented. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and Environmental Protection Agency have education materials that may be used for training.

- CDC: Infection Control Guidelines and Guidance Library.
https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/index.html/eic_in_HCF_03.pdf
- MDH COVID-19 Toolkit.
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/ltctoolkit.pdf>
- EPA: List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

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MDH RESOURCES:

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<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/aerosol.pdf>

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<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

Airborne Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

MONITORING/AUDITING:

- The Director of Nursing, the Infection Preventionist, and/or other facility leadership will conduct audits for proper cleaning and disinfection of resident use equipment/environmental cleaning, on all shifts every day for one week, then may decrease frequency as determined by compliance.

HAND HYGIENE

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
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POLICIES/PROCEDURES/SYSTEM CHANGES:

- The facility's Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Committee must conduct a root cause analysis (RCA) to identify the problem(s) that resulted in this deficiency and develop intervention or corrective action plan to prevent recurrence.

The Infection Preventionist and Director of Nursing, shall complete the following:

- Review hand hygiene policies and procedures to ensure they meet CDC guidance, and revise as needed.

TRAINING/EDUCATION:

- As a part of corrective action plan, the facility must provide training for the Infection Preventionist, the Director of Nursing, all staff providing direct care to residents, and all staff entering resident's rooms, whether it be for residents' dietary needs or cleaning and maintenance services. The training must cover standard infection control practices, including but not limited to, transmission-based precautions and adequately caring for and disinfecting shared medical equipment. Findings of the RCA should also be incorporated into staff training.
- The Infection Preventionist, Director of Nursing and Clinical Education Coordinator must implement competency assessments for staff on proper hand hygiene and develop a system to ensure all staff have received the training and are competency
- Online infection prevention training courses may be utilized. The CDC and MDH websites have several infection control training modules and materials.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/> (MDH)

Hand Hygiene (MDH) <https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/index.html>

Hand Hygiene for Health Professionals (MDH)

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/index.html>

Cleaning Hands with Hand Sanitizer (MDH)

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/handhygiene/clean/index.html>

CDC: Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5116a1.htm>

WHO Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care (WHO)

https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/44102/9789241597906_eng.pdf;jsessionid=A770590E49844880F6F3E1D8F22F0841?sequence=1

Hand Hygiene in Outpatient and Home-based Care and Long-term Care Facilities (WHO)

https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/hh_guide.pdf

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MDH RESOURCES:

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MONITORING/AUDITING:

- The Director of Nursing, the Infection Preventionist and other facility leadership will conduct audits on all shifts, every day for one week, then may decrease the frequency based upon compliance. Audits should continue until 100% compliance is met.

The Director of Nursing, Infection Preventionist or designee will review the results of audits and monitoring with the Quality Assurance Program Improvement (QAPI) program.

COHORTING RESIDENTS/TRANSMISSION BASED PRECAUTION "ISOLATION"

- Address how corrective action will be accomplished for those residents found to have been affected by the deficient practice.
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same deficient practice.

POLICIES/PROCEDURES/SYSTEM CHANGES:

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The Infection Preventionist and Director of Nursing shall complete the following:

- Grouping of residents, or "cohorting," should be done when possible to separate residents with an infectious disease (positive residents) from residents who are not affected. Plans to cohort should be carefully established in advance and should be centered on implementation of infection control practices.
- Dedicate a unit or part of a unit as the care location for residents with disease, including those with or without current symptoms of illness. Anticipate ways to close off units to prevent spread of illness from ill residents to non-ill residents (e.g., for symptomatic COVID-19, recovered COVID-19 residents, non-COVID-19 suspected residents).
- Provide dedicated equipment for areas, as able.

When a resident is placed on transmission-based precautions, the staff should implement the following:

- Clearly identify the type of precautions and the appropriate PPE to be used.
- Place signage in a conspicuous place outside the resident's room (e.g., the door or on the wall next to the door) identifying the CDC category of transmission-based precautions (e.g., contact, droplet, or airborne), instructions for use of PPE, and/or instructions to see the nurse before entering. Ensure that signage also complies with residents' rights to confidentiality and privacy.
- Make PPE readily available near the entrance to the resident's room.
- Don appropriate PPE upon entry into the environment (e.g., room or cubicle) of resident on transmission-based precautions (e.g., contact precautions).
- Use disposable or dedicated noncritical resident-care equipment (e.g., blood pressure cuff, bedside commode). If noncritical equipment is shared between residents, it will be cleaned and disinfected following manufacturer's instructions with an EPA-registered disinfectant after use.
- Clean and disinfect objects and environmental surfaces that are touched frequently (e.g., bed rails, over-bed table, bedside commode, lavatory surfaces in resident bathrooms).

TRAINING/EDUCATION:

- Provide education to residents (to the degree possible/consistent with the resident's capacity) and their representatives or visitors on the use of transmission-based precautions.
- Refer to CDC Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>
- Refer to MDH COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control and Cohorting in Long-term Care. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/ltpchhort.pdf>
- MDH: Interim Guidance for Hospital Discharge to Home or Admission to Congregate Living Settings and Discontinuing Transmission-Based Precautions. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/hospdischarge.pdf>

CDC RESOURCES:

Infection Control Guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>

CDC: Isolation Precautions Guideline:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (2007): <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

CDC: Personal Protective Equipment: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ppe/>

Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control-faq.html

MDH RESOURCES:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Infection Control:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/ppe/index.html>

MDH Contingency Standards of Care for COVID-19: Personal Protective Equipment for Congregate Care Settings (PDF): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/ep/surge/crisis/ppegrid.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Facemasks as a Source Control Measure (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/masksource.pdf>

Interim Guidance on Alternative Facemasks (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/masksalt.pdf>

Aerosol-Generating Procedures and Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (PDF):

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/hcp/aerosol.pdf>

Droplet Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

Airborne Precautions:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/patientsafety/infectioncontrol/pre/droplet.html>

MONITORING/AUDITING:

- The Director of Nursing, the Infection Preventionist and other facility leadership will verify the placement of each new admission and location and audit for transmission based precautions are being appropriately implemented.

- Conduct a Root Cause Analysis (RCA) which will be done with assistance from the Infection Preventionist, Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) committee and Governing Body. The RCA should be incorporated into the intervention plan. Information regarding RCAs can be found in the document: Guidance for Performing Root Cause Analysis (RCA) with Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs)

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/QAPI/downloads/GuidanceforRCA.pdf>

In accordance with 42 CFR § 488.402(f), the DPOC remedy is effective 15 calendar days from the date of the enforcement letter. The DPOC may be completed before or after that date. A revisit will not be

approved prior to receipt of documentation confirming the DPOC was completed. To successfully complete the DPOC, the facility must provide all of the following documentation identified in the chart below.

Documentation must be uploaded as attachments through ePOC to ensure you have completed this remedy.

Imposition of this DPOC does not replace the requirement that the facility must submit a complete POC for all cited deficiencies (including F880) within 10 days after receipt of the Form CMS 2567.

Item	Checklist: Documents Required for Successful Completion of the Directed Plan
1	Documentation of the RCA and intervention or corrective action plan based on the results with signatures of the QAPI Committee members.
2	Documentation that the interventions or corrective action plan that resulted from the RCA was fully implemented
3	Content of the training provided to staff, including a syllabus, outline, or agenda, as well as any other materials used or provided to staff for the training
4	Names and positions of all staff that attended and took the trainings
5	Staff training sign-in sheets
6	Summary of staff training post-test results, to include facility actions in response to any failed post-tests
7	Documentation of efforts to monitor and track progress of the interventions or corrective action plan

In order to speed up our review, identify all submitted documents with the number in the “Item” column.