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To: Long Term Care Facilities in Harvey County

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Re: **Independent/Assisted Living and Long Term Care Guidance**

In this unprecedented time of a global public health pandemic, it is the utmost importance to remain vigilant for the health and safety of all. Knowing state or local government may extend reopening orders, we all need to continue to be prudent with our interactions as there is no vaccine or cure at this time for COVID19.

Health Department staff and county Public Health Officer have the following guidance for Long Term Care Facilities in Harvey County.

1. Shared facilities shall follow the most stringent COVID19 guidance whether through federal, state, or local entity.  
Shared facilities are defined as those with a long term care building physically connected with any assisted and/or independent living residents.
2. Staff and residents should continue to be prudent in movement within the facilities. This includes limiting numbers in congregation areas, keeping 6-foot distancing with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.
3. Staff and residents should monitor themselves for any change in temperature and COVID19 symptoms and report as facility mandates.
4. Independent/ Assisted Living resident, if not in a shared facility, may receive visitors in Phase 3 of the Ad Astra and Harvey County Reopening Plan.

**All of this is subject to change at any time by federal, state, or local health order for the protection of the residents of Harvey County. Mass gathering size will move per the Ad Astra and/or Harvey County Reopening Plans. Note: Harvey County may be in a lower mass gathering restriction due to enforcement of a Harvey County Reopening Plan Phase compared to Ad Astra's Plan.**

Harvey County Health Department is committed to protecting the public's health and environment, preventing disease, and promoting healthy living.