




Association Updates

CMDA Meeting - August 1st, 2023

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The Colorado Board of Health updated the Mitigation Guidance for Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living communities.

- **New infection prevention requirements** for health care facilities that became effective June 14, 2023.
- The [Nursing Home and Intermediate Care Facility Mitigation and Outbreak Guidance](#) and [Assisted Living Residences and Group Home Mitigation and Outbreak Guidance](#) have been updated to reflect those changes.

Highlights from the Updated Mitigation Guidance

- Removed links to the respiratory protection toolkit and slide presentation and replaced with the link to **CDPHE's Respiratory Protection Program** webpage.
- **Removed the reporting requirement for EMResource.**
- **Updated the vaccination and treatment section** to align with the updated chapter 2 requirements to complete a facility-level infection risk assessment and infection prevention annual plan.
- Resources are included on CDPHE's newly created [infection risk assessment and infection prevention annual plan webpage.](#)
- Vaccination resources can be found within [the vaccine clinic toolkit for long-term care facilities online resource.](#)

CDPHE new Infection Risk Assessment and IP Annual Plan tool.

- This is a state-level chapter 2 requirement for all residential care facilities, including Assisted Living Communities. It is also a Federal requirement for Skilled Nursing Facilities under F88o.
- Use of this tool is not mandated, but highly encouraged.
- Jo Tansey, Acute and Nursing Facilities Branch Chief, answered the question regarding when facilities will start to be surveyed for the infectious disease mitigation and control plan in the new Chapter 2 requirements:
 - *"Nursing facilities will begin surveying to this requirement on 1/1/24. There is a current federal (CMS) requirement to have this assessment and plan in place under F88o. We will accept the same plan for both requirements and the template presented on the July 19, 2023 LTCF call would meet both federal and state requirements."*
- [Infection Risk Assessment and Infection Prevention Annual Plan Tool](#)
- [CDPHE Presentation Slides reviewing the new tool](#)

Sales and Closures



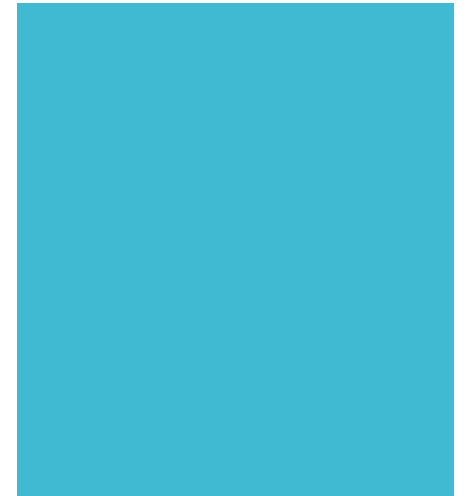
Namaste in Colorado Springs is closing

Falcon Heights has opened a new dementia care focused wing and is accepting many of Namaste's residents



Genesis is selling their properties to PACS

- ACCelerate Lafayette
- ACCelerate Lakewood
- Boulder Nursing & Rehab
- Cheyenne Mountain Center
- Denver Nursing & Rehab
- Elms Haven Center
- Pikes Peak Center
- Pueblo Center
- Red Cliffs Post Acute Care



Direct Care Workforce Collaborative – DCW Survey Results



71.6% survey respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with their wage/salary. (N=766)



45% of survey respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with being satisfied with the benefits they receive. (N=602)



89.2% agree or strongly agree with training and experience has helped job advancement. (N=609)



92.4% of survey respondents are satisfied or very satisfied overall working as a DCW. (N=769)



26% of the survey respondents would deter others from joining this profession. (N=769)

Legislative session outlook for 2024

- Nationally – AHCA Efforts
 - Making the Staffing Mandate achievable and focused on supporting person-directed care
 - Improving immigration policy to increase number of visas granted to nurses
 - Eliminating the CMS mandate to implement 2-year prohibition of nurse aide training programs for all facilities with fines over \$10,486
- State – CHCA Efforts
 - Build guardrails around agency pricing and practices that disadvantage providers
 - Support workforce reinforcement

NOTE: Session in CO lasts 120 days, January -May

Upcoming opportunities

