



Support to Long-Term Care Facilities after the Conclusion of the Regional Response Health Collaborative Program

In this unprecedented year, long-term care facilities (LTCF) have experienced all too often the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges of caring for our most vulnerable populations while battling COVID-19 is incomprehensible to many. While we are grateful for the efforts of those on the front lines in LTCFs, they need more than our gratitude. It is imperative that LTCFs receive continued support in their efforts to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

On May 29, the State Legislature appropriated \$175 million dollars from the federal CARES Act to protect residents and staff in LTCFs. With this funding, and in partnership with select health systems, Pennsylvania's Long-Term Care Task Force (LTC-TF) developed the Regional Response Health Collaborative (RRHC) program. Federal funding for the RRHC program ended on December 30, 2020.

With federal dollars no longer available and a constrained state budget, the Wolf Administration has prioritized the allocation of limited funds to continue providing facilities with support during COVID-19 facility outbreaks. This state-funded effort will leverage the expertise of the health systems through the Regional Congregate Care Assistance Teams (RCAT), a new, more limited, version of the RRHC. Starting December 31, 2020 through February 28, 2021, RCAT will provide COVID-19 outbreak support to facilities. Those facilities that were eligible for the RRHC program will also be eligible for the RCAT.

Continued support that will be offered to the RCAT-eligible facilities are:

- Call Centers currently utilized under the RRHC program will remain available to engage health systems for infection control /prevention services and education in the event of COVID-19 outbreaks.
 - Facilities located in Carbon, Pike, Monroe, Lehigh and Northampton Counties please refer to the chart below for updated Call Center information.
- PPE will be provided with existing and new vendors. Refer to the chart below to request assistance.
- Staffing assistance will continue to be provided by existing and new contracted agencies, as well as the PA National Guard, but will be more limited.
- Testing assistance is available as resources permit through the Pennsylvania Department of Health's vendors. Facilities experiencing a current outbreak or support from a RRHC or DOH vendor will be enrolled in testing support first, and then the program will expand based on availability of resources.
- Tomorrow's Healthcare portal will still be accessible; webinars will be scheduled as needed.

With the introduction of the RCAT, coverage remains the same as the RRHC program except for the Northeast Region. Engagement with LECOM, UPMC (including Allegheny Health Network, Excelsa, Penn Highlands and St. Clair), Penn State, University of Pennsylvania (including Temple), Thomas Jefferson (including Main Line Health) will remain the same. Geisinger will continue to provide coverage for the Northcentral region and expanded to support Carbon, Monroe and Pike Counties as well. The LTC-TF will backstop RCAT support across the Commonwealth and ensure support for facilities located in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Some services provided by the health systems have changed. Please refer to the contact list below as needed for COVID-19 outbreaks.

Staffing, Testing and PPE Requests	
PPE	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3jrNozNGJJREkP_mIJdb1vNUMzdWWkdKMFBSUEIPSFpKMDZBWEJKTVhYSiQIQCN0PWcu
Staffing Assistance	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3rnwoGKj2_BPg_kvRKCyzwJUMTJVUVpKN1E5WExENEIOQUU4UzM5VDMYUC4u *Facilities working with Penn State or UPenn RCAT should work directly with their RCAT for staffing support and not utilize this form.
Outbreak Testing	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3oXGXbAHbYBFmYwW-F9nslhUNlpKWVoySURFTUkwMEk0RjVPTEQ1S0cxRi4u
OTHER: COVID Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilities will be contacted directly by CVS or Walgreens, if enrolled in the Federal Pharmacy Partnership. ○ If not enrolled in the pharmacy program, please complete this form PA Long-Term Care Facility State COVID-19 Vaccination Partnership or reach out to ra-dhccovidvax@pa.gov.

RCAT – Health System Call Centers

Health System	Counties Covered	Call Center Telephone Number
UPMC	Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Venango	412-648-6714
Allegheny Health Network	Armstrong, Beaver, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson	866-496-1766
UPMC/AHN	Allegheny, Butler, Cambria, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, Westmoreland	412-648-6714 or 866-496-1766
LECOM Health	Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Warren	814-451-1595
Thomas Jefferson University / Main Line Health	Berks, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia	215-395-8548
University of Pennsylvania / Temple University Hospital	Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Philadelphia	215-707-1300
Penn State Health	Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York	717-265-8577
Geisinger	Bradford, Carbon* , Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Lehigh* , Monroe* , Montour, Northampton* , Northumberland, Pike* , Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming	570-271-6009

*Note that the call center has changed for these counties