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## Guidance for COVID-19 Dedicated Nursing Facilities

Eight months ago, under emergency procurement, the State of Utah contracted with City Creek Post-Acute in Salt Lake City as a COVID-19-dedicated skilled nursing facility intended to: 1) support hospital decompression during a surge, and 2) provide a containment strategy by allowing the rapid removal of COVID-19 positive long-term care residents when a new outbreak occurs. With geographic surges in disease, this network of facilities (**COVID Centers**) has grown, continuing to support both post-acute care for hospitalized patients recovering from COVID-19 as well as lateral transfers from skilled nursing, nursing, and assisted living facilities experiencing outbreaks. Over the course of the pandemic, several large skilled nursing facility corporations have similarly established dedicated COVID-19 units to support the lateral transfer of residents with COVID-19 within their business entities. The State of Utah has recently entered into contracts with several of these business entities (**COVID Units**) to open up this resource to the broader long-term care community. As we continue to see record-breaking numbers of hospitalizations, we risk overwhelming our hospitals.

Beginning December 7, 2020, the State of Utah is implementing specific changes described below regarding how **COVID Centers** will be used during the pandemic by leveraging the additional capacity provided by **COVID Units**.

### Facilities Accepting Hospital Transfers

The following **COVID Centers** along the Wasatch Front will be exclusively devoted to hospital decompression and receive hospital admissions only:

- City Creek Post-Acute (72 beds)
- Harrison Pointe Healthcare and Rehab (45 beds)
- Orem Rehabilitation and Nursing (40 beds)

### Facilities Accepting Lateral Transfers from Long-Term Care Facilities

The following **COVID Units** are exclusively accepting lateral transfers from skilled nursing, nursing, and assisted living facilities to support outbreak containment at the originating facility:

- Rocky Mountain Care of Clearfield (20 beds)
- Sandy Health and Rehab (40 beds)
- South Ogden Post-Acute (20 beds)
- Stonehenge of Orem (34 beds)
- Woodland Park (29 beds)
- Heritage Care Center (27 beds)

## Facilities Accepting Both Hospital and Lateral Transfers

The **COVID Center** in St. George, Coral Desert Rehabilitation (33 beds), will accept admissions from both hospitals and long-term care facilities as the sole State-contracted entity in this geographic area.

## Residents Requiring Aerosol-Generating Procedures

All **COVID Centers** are being equipped with environmental containment units to accept residents requiring aerosol generating procedures (AGPs). Should capacity not exist in a **COVID Unit** for safely delivering AGPs, then admission to a **COVID Center** from a skilled nursing, nursing, or assisted living facility would be appropriate.

For asymptomatic COVID-19-positive residents of assisted living facilities who do not meet nursing facility level of care, transfer of the assisted facility resident to a **COVID Unit** requires a specific contractual arrangement between the originating assisted living facility and the **COVID Unit** for payment for services rendered.

## Bed Availability

For further information on the availability of beds for the delivery of post-acute care to individuals with COVID-19 (not limited to State-contracted **COVID Centers** and **COVID Units**), please consider signing up for the Cortex COVID Crisis Dashboard, offered free-of-charge as a public service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Additional information on the COVID Crisis Dashboard can be found at:

- Video tutorial: <https://youtu.be/2AUhB7C9mwE>
- Request access: [success@cortexhc.com](mailto:success@cortexhc.com)

We are indebted to so many partners for this collaborative and agile response to COVID-19 intended to prevent death and disability in our most cherished loved ones living throughout Utah in long-term care facilities. For any questions please email [hai@utah.gov](mailto:hai@utah.gov).

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