

Governor Cooper's Executive Order Long-Term Care Facilities

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 FACE COVERINGS: All workers in Long Term Care ("LTC") Facilities, including skilled nursing facilities ("SNF"), adult care homes ("ACH"), family care homes ("FCH"), mental health group homes, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities ("ICF-IID"), must wear Face Coverings while in the facility, and those Face Coverings must be Surgical Masks, as long as Surgical Mask supplies are available.

 EXCEPTION TO FACE COVERING ORDER: A Face Covering does not need to be worn by a worker, customer, or patron who should not wear a Face Covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability, including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance

 Section 7 of Executive Order No. 138, which restricted all visitors and non-essential health care personnel to long term care facilities (Skilled nursing facilities; Adult care homes; Family care homes; Mental health group homes; and Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities) is removed and replaced by the following provision (see next slide):

 VISITATION: This Section applies only to skilled nursing facilities (SNF) and combination homes (combined skilled nursing and assisted living facilities). Facilities within the scope of this Section shall restrict visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations, such as an end-of-life situation. Facilities within the scope of this Section shall also cancel communal dining and all group activities, including internal and external activities.