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## **CMS Announces New Requirements for Reporting Confirmed Cases**

At a White House briefing late today, Administrator Seema Verma announced that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be requiring skilled nursing care centers to report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to residents and families. SNFs will also be required to report confirmed cases directly to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Details on how to do this will be forthcoming later this week from CMS.

This announcement is similar to [AHCA/NCAL guidance](#) released last weekend ([in Update #38](#)) on reporting confirmed cases to stakeholders and to the state survey agency, if providers were not already doing so. The announcement by CMS late today applies only to nursing homes, so assisted living communities and facilities that serve the ID/DD population should continue to follow AHCA/NCAL's guidance on notifications.

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## **Nebulizing Guidance**

AHCA/NCAL has developed new [guidance](#) that outlines when and what to do with COVID-19 residents with severe respiratory symptoms who need nebulizer treatments. CDC considers nebulizer treatments to be an aerosol generating procedure. This may increase risk of infection due to aerosols generated by the procedure or due to increased contact between health care providers and patients. Facilities should review the guidance and consider whether they can care for a resident who requires nebulizer treatment.

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