

HOME HEALTH AND HOME CARE COVID-COLLABORATION

COVID-19 forces us to choose between proper and improper actions with confusing information to guide us. Proper actions driven by proper authority minimize confusion and suffering. Improper actions lead to unnecessary suffering and are typically driven by incomplete and/or confusing messages. Thankfully, in this case, there is only one good choice to follow for guidance, the CDC. Acting on information from any other “authority” or reacting to irresponsible interpretations and/or delivery of CDC guidelines places everyone at greater risk.

The Department of Health (DOH), interprets and distributes CDC guidelines. Community leaders rely on their local Public Health Jurisdiction, (PHJ) to interpret and distribute CDC/DOH guidance. The CDC therefore singularly assumes the role of proper authority to lead the COVID-19 response.



As leaders, we are committed to helping our staffs make the best decisions for themselves, their families and their communities by aligning our messaging, policies, procedures and relative to this outbreak, as best as possible, with the CDC.

Our commitment to optimize CDC guidance Interpretation, Delivery and Policies/Procedures with the CDC is being embraced to minimize infection:

	Minimizes infection	Proliferates infection
Interpretation	Clearing interpretations of CDC postings through PHJ authorities.	Failure to clear interpretations with PHJ authorities
Delivery	Publishing or broadcasting interpretations of CDC postings after clearing with PHJ.	Publishing or broadcasting before clearing with PHJ.
Policies and Procedures	Adhering to both type and extent of protective measures intended by CDC guidance	Exceeding or limiting either type or extent of protective measures intended by CDC guidance