Monitor residents at least once per shift and employees at least once prior to starting their shift for fever or respiratory symptoms.

Restrict residents with fever or acute respiratory symptoms to their room. If they must leave the room for medically necessary procedures, have them wear a facemask (if tolerated).

In general, for care of residents with undiagnosed respiratory infection use Standard, Contact, and Droplet Precautions with eye protection unless suspected diagnosis requires Airborne Precautions (e.g., tuberculosis).

Healthcare personnel should monitor their local and state public health sources to understand COVID-19 activity in their community to help inform their evaluation of individuals with unknown respiratory illness. If there is transmission of COVID-19 in the community, in addition to implementing the precautions described above for residents with acute respiratory infection, facilities should also consult with public health authorities for additional guidance.

Post signs throughout the facility describing ways to prevent the spread of germs.

Support hand and respiratory hygiene as well as cough etiquette by residents, visitors, and employees.

Ensure employees clean their hands according to CDC guidelines, including before and after contact with residents, after contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment, and after removing personal protective equipment (PPE).

Put alcohol-based hand rub in every resident room (ideally both inside and outside of the room).

In reference with Illinois Department of Public Health.
Make sure tissues are available and any sink is well-stocked with soap and paper towels for hand washing.

Identify dedicated employees to care for COVID-19 patients and provide infection control training.

Provide the right supplies to ensure easy and correct use of PPE.

Post signs on the door or wall outside of the resident room that clearly describe the type of precautions needed and required PPE.

Make PPE, including facemasks, eye protection, gowns, and gloves, available immediately outside of the resident room when it’s determined PPE is needed for the resident.

Position a trash can near the exit inside any resident room to make it easy for employees to discard PPE.

Perform hand hygiene upon exiting patient rooms.

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