

# Guidance for Readmission to Long Term Care & Group Living Facilities

## Current COVID-19 NEGATIVE Resident

Temporarily discharged for a Non-COVID Medical Reason (ie: ER visit, etc)

- Resident is permitted for readmittance, as long as the facility has adequate staffing & PPE available

## New or Current COVID-19 Positive Resident

Ready for Hospital Discharge to Long Term Care or Group Living Facility

- Resident is permitted for (re)admission only if:
  - The facility has active case(s) of COVID-19
  - AND
  - A COVID-19 positive isolation wing
- Facility must also have experience with and capability to provide management of COVID-19 patients with precautions

## COVID-19 Negative Resident

Ready for Hospital Discharge to Long Term Care or Group Living Facility

- Resident is permitted for (re)admission to a facility only under these 2 circumstances:
  1. The facility has 2 or fewer COVID-19 positive cases
  - OR
  2. The facility has 3 or more COVID-19 positive cases AND has had NO NEW positive cases AND NO NEW symptomatic staff or patients in the last 14\* days before a new admission of a COVID-19 negative patient

## Please Note the Following Points for ALL Long Term Care or Group Living Facilities

- Facilities must be able to secure the necessary PPE required to comply with all [HHS](#) (p.44) and [CDC](#) guidelines for COVID-19 positive wings AND COVID-19 negative wings/ facilities
- Facilities must have the appropriate number of staff available to work the facility, including designated staff for COVID-19 positive wings, if present.
- Additionally, any admission or readmission of a resident must follow [HHS](#) guidelines for readmission

**\*Once you near the 14 day mark, please email  
NursingHomeInfo@AustinTexas.gov for final clearance**

More information is available at:  
[AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/COVID19](https://www.austintexas.gov/COVID19)