



June 12, 2020

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BROWNSVILLE NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER
320 LORENALY DR
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RE: Health Control Directive under Section 81.082, Texas Health & Safety Code.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that as the duly appointed Health Officer for the City of Brownsville, Texas, I am issuing this Health Control Directive under the authority given to me as the City's Health Officer under Section 81.082 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

Protecting our citizens during this pandemic on coronavirus is the purpose of this directive. The nursing homes have become a national source of positive cases for COVID-19 with approximately 541 deaths per day between both residents and staff of these nursing homes and long term facilities.

The necessity of the directive is caused by the recent spike in Covid-19 positive cases, which the City has reason to believe is being partially caused by the movement of patients between different nursing homes, hospitals, and long-term care facilities, as well as to and from local health care facilities.

For this reason, I am issuing this control directive requiring that all nursing homes, and long-term care facilities located within city limits of the City of Brownsville, immediately initiate the screening procedures and protocols, and related documentation to require testing before admitting patients into your facility, and once the patient has been admitted, must complete a five day observation period, after isolation is completed



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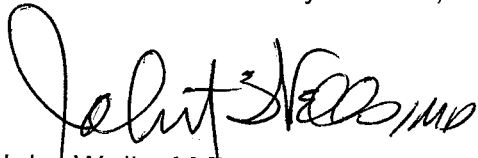
perform a second test before moving the patient into general admission areas. Your facility may enact stricter measures. All patients should have a repeat COVID-19 Test within 72 hours prior to being transported to another facility, discharged to home or hospice.

Please be advised that under the investigative authority provided to my office, I am requiring that you submit any questions to me via Email directed to: Arturo Rodriguez, DNP, MPH, CPM, Director of Public Health and Wellness, City of Brownsville, Texas at the following Email address:

art.rodriguez@cob.us

Finally, please be advised as well that failure or refusal to abide by the Health Care Control Directives issued by my office can subject your facility to both civil and criminal judicial enforcement action under the City's law enforcement and criminal prosecution processes.

Issued on the 12th Day of June, 2020.



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