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S9999	Final Observations Statement of Licensure Violations 300.610a) 300.696b) 300.696b)3) 300.696f)4) Section 300.610 Resident Care Policies a) The facility shall have written policies and procedures governing all services provided by the facility. The written policies and procedures shall be formulated by a Resident Care Policy Committee consisting of at least the administrator, the advisory physician or the medical advisory committee, and representatives of nursing and other services in the facility. The policies shall comply with the Act and this Part. The written policies shall be followed in operating the facility and shall be reviewed at least annually by this committee, documented by written, signed and dated minutes of the meeting. Section 300.696 Infection Prevention and Control b) Written policies and procedures for surveillance, investigation, prevention, and control	S9999	Attachment A Statement of Licensure Violations	

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S9999	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>of infectious agents and healthcare-associated infections in the facility shall be established and followed, including for the appropriate use of personal protective equipment as provided in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guideline for Isolation Precautions, Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Toolkit, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Respiratory Protection Guidance. The policies and procedures must be consistent with and include the requirements of the Control of Communicable Diseases Code, and the Control of Sexually Transmissible Infections Code.</p> <p>3) Facility activities shall be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Infection Preventionist to ensure adherence to all infection prevention and control policies and procedures.</p> <p>f) Infectious Disease Surveillance Testing and Outbreak Response</p> <p>4) Upon confirmation that a resident, staff member, volunteer, student, or student intern tests positive with an infectious disease, or displays symptoms consistent with an infectious disease, each facility shall take immediate steps to prevent the transmission by implementing practices that include but are not limited to cohorting, isolation and quarantine, environmental cleaning and disinfecting, hand hygiene, and use of appropriate personal protective equipment.</p> <p>These requirements were Not Met as evidenced by:</p> <p>Based on observation, interview, and record</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued From page 2</p> <p>review, the facility failed to ensure adherence to infection control practices to prevent the transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as evidenced by failure to: 1) ensure a COVID-19 positive resident is not cohorted together in one room; 2) follow appropriate protective personal equipment (PPE) guidelines in the observation rooms for COVID-19 residents on contact and droplet precautions; and 3) failed to ensure that residents and their representatives are informed of the latest incidence of COVID-19 infections in the facility. This failure has a greater potential to affect R4 given his congregate nature, age, and underlying medical conditions.</p> <p>Findings include:</p> <p>1. R1 is an 80 year old male with the following medical history: Seizure, Brain lesion, Malignant neoplasm metastatic to brain, Metastatic squamous cell carcinoma, Open wound of scalp with complication, subsequent encounter, Tonic clonic seizures, Anemia of chronic disease, Chronic indwelling Foley catheter, Subacute osteomyelitis, other site, Bacteremia due to Enterococcus, Acute respiratory failure with hypoxia, Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) of lower extremity, unspecified chronicity, unspecified laterality, unspecified vein. R1 is non-verbal and is not interviewable. R1 was sent to the hospital on 4/3/2023 because of witnessed seizure episode and returned to the facility on 4/10/2023.</p> <p>On 4/21/2023 at 11:30 AM, with V4 (Registered Nurse/RN), the door to R1's room was observed to be wide open, with a sign by the door stating, "Contact and Droplet Precautions". Personal Protective Equipment was available outside R1's room. R1 was observed in bed, appears clean and orderly. No intravenous access observed.</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>When asked if he has any concerns regarding his care while in the facility, R1 did not respond. It was also observed that R4 is in the same room as R1. When asked if R4 is also positive for COVID-19, V4 stated that R4 is not positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>R1's Physician Order Sheet with an order date of 4/17/2023 documents the following orders: Isolation Precaution Contact and Droplet - due to COVID + result.</p> <p>On 4/21/2023 at 11:55 AM, V4 (RN) stated, "I am the regular nurse for R1 and R4. I don't think R4 knows that his roommate, R1 is positive for COVID-19. I didn't tell him that R1 is COVID positive. I think he should be transferred to a different room because the roommate is positive. Only R1 is positive for COVID. Because they are in the same room, R4 might get COVID from R1." When asked why he is in the same room as R1 when R1 has COVID-19 infection, V4 did not respond.</p> <p>On 4/21/2023 at 12:00 PM, interviewed R4 with V4 (RN). R4 had no mask on. R4 stated that facility has been testing him for COVID-19. R4 stated nobody informed him that his roommate tested positive for COVID-19, that nobody talked to him about being transferred to a different room and that he will not object to being transferred if needed because roommate tested positive for COVID. R4 stated nobody informed him about consequences of staying in the same room with somebody who has the COVID-19 infection.</p> <p>On 4/21/2023 at 3:00 PM, when asked if V1 talked to him about transferring to a different room on 4/17/2022, V4 stated, "She came here to tell me she did, but I don't remember it. Nobody educated me regarding COVID-19. I go to</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued From page 6</p> <p>oriented, but he tends to forget. I know that if it's not documented, it didn't happen, unfortunately we didn't document that we provided education to R4. Normally if we found out we talk to them multiple times." When asked how many times she spoke with R4 regarding room change, V1 stated she talked to him once. When asked if she documented somewhere in R4's medical records her conversation regarding education about COVID and need for room transfer, V1 stated, I didn't document it.</p> <p>On 4/21/2023 at 3:00 PM, V1 (Administrator) presents a Concern and Grievance Log that affirms that somebody from Social Services Department spoke to R4 regarding need for room change and that R4 refused. V4 (RN) also stated that R4 was tested, and his result came back negative for COVID-19 and that they convinced R4 to move to a different room and will be moved right away.</p> <p>Review of medical records affirm that R1 and R4 both have orders for Isolation Contact Precaution due to Colonized Candida auris, both were admitted with those infections. Only R1 tested positive for COVID-19. R4 tested negative on 4/17/23, 4/19/23 and 4/21/23. R4 was finally transferred to a different room on 4/21/2023.</p> <p>Facility presented a policy with original effective date of 3/05/20 titled "Infection Control- Interim COVID-19 Policy" under Management and Care of Residents with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 Infection which documents: "If cohorting, only residents with the same respiratory pathogen should be housed in the same room."</p>	S9999		

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S9999	<p>Continued From page 9</p> <p>In-House COVID Residents and Zero (0) under Current resident PUI. V1 stated that V3 already submitted the facility report to the corporate office who is in charge of updating the website. As of 4/21/23, there is one resident (R1) who is positive for COVID-19 infection</p> <p>Facility presented a policy with original effective date of 3/05/20 titled "Infection Control- Interim COVID-19 Policy" under Communication to Residents, Representatives and Families which documents: "Inform residents, their representatives and families of those residing in the facilities by 5 pm the next calendar day following the occurrence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - either a single confirmed infection of COVID-19, or - three or more residents or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms occurring within 72 hours of each other. <p style="text-align: center;">(A)</p>	S9999		