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A 000	<p>Initial Comments</p> <p>Initial Comments: Census: 15</p> <p>A COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey was conducted by the State Agency on 11/11/2020. The facility was found not to be in compliance with the New Jersey Administrative Code 8:36 infection control regulations standards for Licensure of Assisted Living Residences, Comprehensive Personal Care Homes and Assisted Living Programs and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended practice to prepare for COVID-19.</p> <p>This facility must submit a plan of correction, including a completion date for each deficiency and ensure that the plan is implemented. Failure to correct deficiencies may result in enforcement action in accordance with provisions of New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8, Chapter 43E, Enforcement of Licensure Regulations.</p>	A 000		
A1273	<p>8:36-18.1(b) Infection Prevention and Control Services</p> <p>(b) The licensed professional nurse, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for the direction, provision, and quality of infection prevention and control services. The health care services director, in coordination with the administrator, shall be responsible for, but not limited to, developing and maintaining written objectives, a policy and procedure manual, and an organizational plan for the infection prevention and control service.</p>	A1273		

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A1273	<p>Continued From page 1</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on interview, and New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) issued Executive Directive, the facility failed to ensure the infection control coordinator had received specialized training in infection control and prevention. This deficient practice occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic and had the potential to affect all residents who resided in the facility.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Reference: NJDOH issued Executive Directive No. 20-026-1, dated 10/10/2020, revealed the following: II. Required Core Practices for Infection Prevention and Control: ii. All facilities, except for facilities with ventilator-dependent residents, are required to have one or more individuals with training in infection prevention and control employed or contracted on a full time basis or part-time basis to provide on-site management of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program. The requirements of this Directive may be fulfilled by: a. An individual certified by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology or meets the requirements under N.J.A.C. 8:39-20.2; b. A physician who has completed an infectious disease fellowship; c. A healthcare professional licensed and in good standing by the State of New Jersey, with five (5) or more years of infection control experience.</p> <p>1. On 11/11/2020 at 9:55 AM, the infection control coordinator (who was also the Director of Nursing) was asked if she had completed any</p>	A1273		
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A1273	Continued From page 2  formal infection control training. She stated she had not taken any courses regarding infection control and prevention.	A1273		
A1301	<p>8:36-18.3(a)(6) Infection Prevention and Control Services</p> <p>(a) Written policies and procedures shall be established and implemented regarding infection prevention and control, including, but not limited to, policies and procedures for the following:</p> <p>6. Protocols for identification of residents with communicable diseases and education of residents regarding prevention and spread of communicable diseases;</p> <p>This REQUIREMENT is not met as evidenced by: Based on interviews, observations, policy review, and New Jersey Department of issued Executive Directive, the facility failed to ensure their infection control policy was implemented to educate residents regarding prevention and spread of communicable diseases. The facility had not educated residents regarding the importance of wearing a mask to protect themselves from contracting COVID-19 and to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This deficient practice occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, and affected all residents who resided in the facility.</p> <p>Findings included:</p> <p>Reference: New Jersey Department of Health issued Executive Directive No. 20-026-1, dated 10/20/2020 revealed the following:</p>	A1301		

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A1301	<p>Continued From page 3</p> <p>3. Cohorting, PPE and Training Requirements in Every Phase:</p> <p>ii. Facilities shall implement universal source control for everyone in the facility. All residents, whether they have COVID-19 symptoms or not, must practice source control when around others (surgical mask if supply is available) in accordance with CDC guidance at: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html</a>. A face covering must NOT be worn by children under the age of two (2) or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. Source control may be provided with cloth face coverings or facemasks.</p> <p>1. On 11/11/2020 at 11:09 AM, the Director of Leisure Services was interviewed. She stated staff wore a mask but residents were not required to wear a mask during the activities because they were socially distanced.</p> <p>On 11/11/2020 at 12:03 PM, observation was made of an activity occurring in the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] residents were in attendance, all socially distanced. None of the residents were wearing a mask. The Director of Leisure Services was wearing a mask.</p> <p>On 11/11/2020 at 12:46 PM, Certified Home Health Aide #1 stated residents were not required to wear masks when out of their apartments. She stated that she did not tell them that they needed to wear one.</p> <p>On 11/11/2020 at 12:54 PM, Residents #4, #5 and #6 were observed sitting in a conversation area in the [REDACTED]. They were socially distanced. None of the three were wearing a mask. Resident #4 stated, "We wear a mask if we</p>	A1301		

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A1301	<p>Continued From page 4</p> <p>go out." She stated she wore a mask when she goes to an outside visit. She stated all residents were "separated and no one has come down with the virus."</p> <p>Resident #5 stated staff do not encourage her to wear a mask because of being "distanced."</p> <p>Resident #6 stated, "We wear a mask when we go out of the building."</p> <p>On 11/11/2020 at approximately 1:45 PM, the Vice President (VP) of Nursing was asked if residents had been inserviced on the importance of wearing a mask when out of their apartments. She stated residents were not required to wear a mask because the facility had not had any positive cases of COVID-19 for residents or staff. She stated most residents were at low risk because they did not have comorbidities. She stated the facility was large, and with the low census, they were always able to socially distance. The VP of Nursing acknowledged the residents were at risk because of being elderly.</p> <p>Documentation of resident inservices regarding COVID-19 were reviewed back to 01/01/2020. There was no documentation which indicated the residents had been educated about the importance of wearing a mask when out of their apartments.</p> <p>Resident Council meeting minutes were reviewed back to 01/01/2020. The was no documentation which indicated the residents had been educated about the importance of wearing a mask when out of their apartments.</p> <p>On 11/11/2020 at 4:25 PM, the Executive Director (ED) stated the residents were at high risk because they were elderly, but not all of them had</p>	A1301		

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A1301	<p>Continued From page 5</p> <p>comorbidities. The ED stated the residents had been educated on infection control issues including hand hygiene and social distancing. When asked if wearing a mask was an important component to prevent the spread or contraction of COVID-19, she stated, "Yes." The ED stated residents had been in-serviced about wearing a mask for outside visits, coming in contact with family members, and for going out to appointments, but they were not encouraged to wear a mask inside the community.</p> <p>During the seven-hour survey, no residents were observed to be wearing a mask when out of their apartments.</p> <p>The facility's Infection Control Plan/Community-Based Outbreak Plan, updated 11/04/2020, documented: "...Residents will be in-serviced on infection control including handwashing, social distancing, etc..."</p>	A1301		