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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**DATE:** June 30, 2022

**TO:** Licensed Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Day Care Centers

**FROM:** Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

**RE:** REMINDER - Infection Prevention & Control Grant

On November 15, 2021, the Virginia Department of Social Services - Division of Licensing Programs (VDSS) issued a memo to providers announcing the receipt of a grant in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). This ELC grant will provide essential infection prevention and control support to licensed adult providers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In December, VDSS DOLP requested that providers complete a survey and submit the facility's infection control plan and any other policies regarding COVID-19 or other infectious and communicable diseases.

The Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) has been reviewing the submitted documents and has started calling, scheduling, and conducting on-site infection prevention and control assessments.

Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Gerontology, conducted its first training as part of the grant on June 8, 2022. Training will occur weekly throughout the duration of the grant to include webinars, infographics, audio clips and other information for all roles within licensed adult care settings. Attendees can engage in these training opportunities either at the time of offering or when their schedule permits. The goal is to provide meaningful and engaging infection prevention and control training and for staff members within these settings to receive up to three levels of infection prevention and control training depending on how many trainings are completed. In order to engage as many staff members as possible, **VDSS is requesting your assistance with the following:**

- Print and post the attached flyer by your time clock(s), breakroom, nurses' stations, kitchen, and any non-resident areas frequented by staff members. The flyer will include a QR code for your staff to scan with their cell phones to directly receive all training opportunities and training materials associated with the ELC Grant. Please

encourage staff participation in this program.

- Submit your facility's Infection Control Plan and any other policies regarding COVID-19 or other infectious and communicable diseases, if you have not already done so. All requested documents should be emailed to [IPCTeam@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:IPCTeam@dss.virginia.gov) or faxed to (804) 819-7069.
- Participate in the onsite assessments conducted by the IPCT. An Infection Preventionist in the IPCT will email you a letter requesting your participation. A follow-up call will also be made to answer any questions you may have and to schedule an onsite assessment.

The information gathered will remain confidential within VDSS Leadership and the IPCT. It **will not** be used in a punitive manner, but will ensure a thorough assessment of the infection prevention and control issues within your setting. This information will help VDSS build a training program applicable to provider needs.

We are excited about this opportunity to provide guidance and support to you and your staff and look forward to assisting you in the vital work of mitigating COVID-19 and other infectious and communicable diseases.

For more information on the ELC Grant or this request, please reach out to us at [IPCTeam@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:IPCTeam@dss.virginia.gov).

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to assisting you and your staff.



# ALL STAFF

😊 Help us, help you 😊

Please scan the QR code below to register for a new comprehensive Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) training program.



This code will allow you to directly receive educational information and in various formats as well as links for webinars on Infection Prevention and Control. Help us give you the tools you need in your toolbox to feel safe and confident in your ability to protect yourself and those in your care. Please encourage your colleagues to participate.

**We need to hear from you!**

Here's how to use a QR code:

- Open your camera app, point it at a QR code above and hold steady for a few seconds.
- If a notification appears, tap on it.
- If you don't get a notification, go to **Settings** and enable **QR code scanning**.



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