

10A NCAC 13G .1702 REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION OF A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OUTBREAK

(a) The facility shall report suspected or confirmed communicable diseases and conditions within the time period and in the manner determined by the Commission for Public Health as specified in 10A NCAC 41A .0101 and 10A NCAC 41A .0102(a)(1) through (a)(3), which are hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments.

(b) The facility shall provide the residents and their representative(s) and staff with an initial notice within 24 hours following confirmation by the local health department of a communicable disease outbreak. The facility, in its initial notification to residents and their representative(s), shall:

- (1) not disclose any personally identifiable information of the residents or staff;
- (2) provide information on the measures the facility is taking to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission, including whether normal operations of the facility will change; and
- (3) provide information to the resident(s) concerning measures they can take to reduce the risk of spread or transmission of infection.

(c) Following the initial notice to residents and their representative(s) of a communicable disease outbreak, the facility shall provide the following:

- (1) an update every two weeks until the communicable illness within the facility has resolved, as determined by the local health department; and
- (2) an update that the communicable illness within the facility has resolved, as determined by the local health department.

History Note: Authority G.S. 131D-2.16; 131D-4.4B; 131D-4.5; 143B-165; Emergency Adoption Eff. October 23, 2020; Temporary Adoption Eff. December 30, 2020; Eff. August 23, 2022.