

# Governor Lamont announces medical surge plan in collaboration with Connecticut's long-term care facilities

April 1, 2020

## *Governor's press release*

Governor Lamont today announced that his administration is collaborating with Connecticut's long-term care facilities on a medical surge plan that will involve moving some residents and the creation of dedicated spaces for residents who are COVID-19 positive.

As the number of individuals who are diagnosed with COVID-19 rises, the health care system will be stretched to extremes. Compounding this challenge is the fact that the elderly population will be at greater risk when diagnosed as being positive for COVID-19.

Nursing homes are an essential component of the medical surge plan. It includes the following options:

1. **Separation of COVID-19 positive residents:** Anyone diagnosed as COVID-19 positive in a hospital and later admitted to a nursing home will be monitored and assessed for 14 days in an area that only has other COVID-19 positive residents. Anyone admitted who is negative for COVID-19 will be housed with other residents who are negative, as a mitigation measure.
2. **Dedication of space:** Existing nursing homes will dedicate specific units that will group together residents who have been diagnosed as being COVID-19 positive, where applicable.
3. **Conversion of existing nursing homes:** Residents of some long-term care facilities who either test negative for COVID-19 or display no symptoms will be able to voluntarily transfer to facilities where there are no COVID-19 positive residents. At the same time, some facilities will be converted to only house individuals who are COVID-19 positive and dedicate their new admissions to individuals who have been diagnosed positive. This concept also includes a facility who has a dedicated entrance to a unit within the structure that can physically isolate all care and services from normal operations. For existing nursing home conversions, individuals who are not positive for COVID-19 and/or asymptomatic will all be voluntarily transferred to the receiving destination *prior* to that facility accepting any individuals who are COVID-19 positive.
4. **Development of new alternate care sites:** New spaces are identified that are currently vacant and in several cases have been vacated through recent nursing home closures. These sites would be licensed as chronic and convalescent nursing homes and the request would be made to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for an 1135 waiver for rapid certification. These alternate care sites, too, would be dedicated to the care of individuals positive for COVID-19. Alternate care sites developed will be inspected and approved by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

DPH can also provide support regarding access to and moving of equipment, staffing and logistics.

Town	Nursing Home
Bloomfield	Bloomfield Healthcare Center
Bloomfield	Caleb Hitchcock Health Center
Bloomfield	Touchpoints at Bloomfield
Bridgeport	Jewish Living Center
Canton	Cherry Brook Health Care Center
Danbury	Glen Hill Center
East Haven	Whispering Pines Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Greenwich	Greenwich Woods Rehabilitation
Greenwich	Nathaniel Witherell
Guilford	Guilford House
Milford	Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion
Naugatuck	Glendale Center
New Haven	Grimes Center
New London	Harbor Village Health and Rehabilitation
Newington	Bel-Air Manor
Portland	Portland Care and Rehabilitation
Rocky Hill	Apple Rehab Rocky Hill
Seymour	Shady Knoll Health Center
Sharon	Sharon Health Care Center
Shelton	Apple Rehab Shelton Lakes
Shelton	Bishop Wicke Health and Rehabilitation
Shelton	Gardner Heights Health Care Center
Stafford Springs	Evergreen Health Care Center
Stamford	St. Camillus Center
Suffield	Suffield House
Torrington	RegalCare at Torrington
Torrington	Wolcott Hall

Trumbull	Maefair Health Care Center
Waterbury	Abbott Terrace Health Center
Waterbury	RegalCare at Waterbury
Waterbury	Waterbury Gardens Nursing and Rehabilitation
Waterford	Bayview Health Care
Wilton	Wilton Meadows
Windsor	Kimberly Hall North
Windsor	Windsor Health and Rehabilitation
Woodbridge	The Willows

The Department of Social Services and the Office of Policy and Management have determined a specific payment rate for options 3 and 4. Options 3 and 4 would also require providers to submit a written proposal to DPH prior to approval that will need to address staffing patterns, equipment needs and detail system supports that will be provided such as environmental and food services, among others.

Options 3 and 4 will create additional bed space for 1,175 people. The following nursing homes have been identified as potential sites:

**Option 3 (conversion of existing facilities)**

- Evergreen Health Care (Stafford Springs, 180 Beds)
- Sharon Health Care (Sharon, 88 Beds)
- Touchpoints of Farmington (Farmington, 120 Beds)
- Touchpoints of Bloomfield (Bloomfield, 30 Beds)
- Greenwich Woods (Greenwich, 217)
- **Total beds in option 3: 635**

**Option 4 (new alternate sites)**

- Old Greenwich Civic Center (Greenwich, 90 Beds)
- Silver Hill Hospitals (New Caanan, 90 Beds)
- Westfield (Meriden, 120 Beds)
- Green Springs (East Hartford, 120 Beds)
- Vacant Nursing Home in Region 5 (120 Beds)
- **Total beds in option 4: 540**

The following is the list of nursing homes in Connecticut with residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 as of April 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.: