

**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 Rules 10A NCAC 41A .0101 and 10A NCAC 41A .0102(a)(1) through (a)(3), including subsequent amendments and editions.

(b) The facility shall implement recommendations to the greatest extent practicable provided by the local health department in response to a suspected or confirmed communicable disease case or condition or communicable disease outbreak.

(c) The facility shall inform the residents and their representative(s) within 24 hours following confirmation by the local health department of a communicable disease outbreak, or one or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 among any resident or staff person. The facility, in its 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;
- (3) provide weekly updates until the communicable illness within the facility has resolved, as determined by the local health department; and
- (4) provide education to the resident(s) concerning measures they can take to reduce the risk of spread or transmission of infection.

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