

2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ILLNESS (COVID-19) GUIDANCE

TITLE: Guidance for Nursing Facilities Mental Health Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness

DATE: March 20, 2020

TIME: 5:00 PM

TO: NFMH and CMHC Directors

FROM: Sarah Hussain, Mental Health Program Manager

SUMMARY: Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Regarding Patients with Possible Coronavirus Illness; KDADS is providing additional guidance to stakeholders.

GUIDANCE: Continued Stay Screens Suspended

- I. Continued stay screens will be suspended for residents of nursing facilities for mental health until after the period of emergency has concluded and further guidance is available. This suspension mirrors the CARE and PASRR suspension guidance released 3.20.20.
- II. Screeners will suspend continued stay screenings until after the period of emergency has concluded and further guidance is available.