



Support to Long-Term Care Facilities: Extension of Regional Congregate Care Assistance Teams (RCAT)

In this unprecedented year, long-term care facilities (LTCF) have experienced all too often the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The challenges of caring for our most vulnerable populations while battling COVID-19 is incomprehensible to many. While we are grateful for the efforts of those on the front lines in LTCFs, they need more than our gratitude. It is imperative that LTCFs receive continued support in their efforts to battle the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December 2020, the Wolf Administration prioritized the allocation of limited funds to continue providing facilities with support during COVID-19 facility outbreaks. This state-funded effort leveraged the expertise of the health systems through the Regional Congregate Care Assistance Teams (RCAT), a more limited, version of the RRHC, from December 31, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Through additional funding that has been made available, the RCAT will continue to provide COVID-19 outbreak support to facilities from March 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021. Those facilities that were eligible for the RRHC program will also be eligible for the RCAT.

Continued support will be offered through this extension to the RCAT-eligible facilities. Facilities experiencing outbreaks may request assistance with PPE, staffing and testing; refer to the matrix below to request assistance. Call Centers currently utilized under the RCAT will remain available to engage health systems for infection control /prevention services and education in the event of COVID-19 outbreaks. In addition, the Tomorrow’s Healthcare portal will still be accessible; webinars will be scheduled as needed.

Coverage remains the same as the RCAT program currently in place. Engagement with LECOM, UPMC (including Allegheny Health Network, Excelsa, Penn Highlands and St. Clair), Penn State, University of Pennsylvania (including Temple), Thomas Jefferson (including Main Line Health) will remain the same. Geisinger will continue to provide coverage for the Northcentral region and Carbon, Monroe and Pike Counties. The Long-Term Care Task Force will backstop RCAT support across the Commonwealth and will continue to directly support facilities located in Lehigh and Northampton counties.

Staffing, Testing and PPE Requests	
PPE	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3jrNozNGJJREkP_mIJdb1vNUMzdWWkdKMFBSUEIPSFpKMDZBWEJKTVhYSiQIQCN0PWcu *Facilities working with Penn/ Temple RCAT should contact Penn/ Temple RCAT directly and not utilize this form.
Staffing Assistance	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3rnwoGKj2_BPg_kvRKCywzJUMTJVUVpKN1E5WExENEIOQUU4UzM5VDMYUC4u *Facilities working with Penn/ Temple RCAT should contact Penn/ Temple RCAT directly and not utilize this form.
Outbreak Testing	https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=QSiOQsgB1U2bbEf8Wpob3oXGXbAHbYBFmYwW-F9nslhUNlpKWVoySURFTUkwMEkORjVPTEQ1S0cxRi4u
COVID Vaccine	For questions regarding the COVID Vaccine for your facility go to PA Long-Term Care Facility State COVID-19 Vaccination Partnership or email to ra-dhccovidvax@pa.gov .

RCAT – Health System Call Centers

Health System	Counties Covered	Call Center Telephone Number
UPMC	Clarion, Fayette, Greene, Somerset, Venango	412-648-6714
Allegheny Health Network	Armstrong, Beaver, Clearfield, Indiana, Jefferson	866-496-1766
UPMC/AHN	Allegheny, Butler, Cambria, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, Westmoreland	412-648-6714 or 866-496-1766
LECOM Health	Cameron, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Warren	814-451-1595
Thomas Jefferson University / Main Line Health	Berks, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Schuylkill	215-395-8548
University of Pennsylvania / Temple University Hospital	Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Philadelphia	215-707-1300
Penn State Health	Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry, York	717-265-8577
Geisinger	Bradford, Carbon, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Lehigh, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne, Wyoming	570-271-6009