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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: December 18, 2020

TO: Assisted Living Facilities and Adult Day Care Centers

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

RE: Governor Northam Announces New Executive Order 72

Effective December 14, 2020 and remaining in effect until January 31, 2021, the following information is provided as an update to previous memos which referred to Executive Order 63 or 67. [Executive Order 72](#), announces the strengthening of mask/face covering requirements and further limits social gatherings. Please carefully review these executive mandates and adjust the services and care you deliver as necessary.

Reduction in public and private gatherings:

All public and private in-person gatherings must be limited to 10 individuals. This includes outdoor and indoor settings. This does not apply to participation in adult day care center programs or in-house dining or activities for residents of assisted living when requirements for social distancing are met.

Expansion of the face covering requirement:

Executive Order 72 expands the indoor face covering requirement, and adds the requirement that all individuals age five and older must cover their nose and mouth with a face covering, as described and recommended by the CDC, when outdoors and unable to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from other individuals who are not family members. This means face coverings are to be worn indoors and outdoors by everyone aged five and older when in non-residential parts of the assisted living facility and in adult day care centers. Exceptions to the face covering requirements are outlined in Executive Order 72, Section III, E.

First Amended Executive Order 63, Order of Public Health Emergency Five (2020) and Sixth Amended Executive Order 67, Order of Public Health Emergency Seven (2020) will expire at 11:59pm, Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have questions.