

California Association of Long Term Care Medicine

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To: CALTCM Membership and Post-Acute and Long-Term Community

From: Mike Wasserman, CALTCM President

Subject: CALTCM Resolution: COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM) Board of Directors voted to support the following two recommendations regarding infection prevention.

- The CALTCM Board of Directors recommends resident's suspected of COVID-19 who are clinically stable should be tested in the facility using appropriate infection prevention guidelines. Transferring residents strictly for COVID-19 testing risks introducing COVID-19 to the patient and the facility.
- The CALTCM Board of Directors urges the Governor to immediately mandate that the Infection Preventionist in every nursing facility be focused solely on infection control in a full-time capacity for the duration of the COVID-19 Crisis.

Please direct any questions to info@caltem.org.

Approved by the CALTCM Board of Directors on March 20, 2020