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**[Nursing Home/Facility Name] Staff Members Complete
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services COVID-19 Training**

CITY, State, Month, Day, Year – [Nursing Home/Facility Name] staff members have successfully completed the *Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff and Management*. The training demonstrates best practices in infection prevention and control to confirm that nursing homes are following the latest COVID-19 guidance.

“Nursing homes that have completed these trainings have demonstrated a commitment to COVID-19 management and resident and staff safety,” said CMS iQuality Improvement and Innovation Group Director Anita Monteiro. “We applaud the hard work of [Nursing Home/Facility Name] for taking this critical step to equip their staff with the latest information regarding infection control, COVID-19 preparedness, resident-centered care and other important topics.”

The trainings were developed by CMS in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and expert stakeholders to meet the urgent and ongoing needs of nursing home managers and frontline staff. Insights gained during the COVID-19 pandemic were used to create the series of scenario-based trainings to share knowledge around ways to protect residents, provide care and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The online training for frontline staff emphasizes topics such as infection screening and surveillance, personal protective equipment (PPE) usage, disinfection techniques, cohorting and caring for individuals with dementia during a pandemic. The management training focuses on infection control and cleanliness, but also facility-wide issues like telehealth, addressing the emotional needs of residents and staff and emergency preparedness.

This no-cost training is available through the CMS Quality, Safety & Education Portal (QSEP) at <https://QSEP.cms.gov>. Instructions on how to create an account and complete the training are available at <https://qioprogram.org/cmstargetedcovid19training>.

About [Nursing Home/Facility Name]

[Include 1-2 sentences about your nursing home. Some ideas include: where you are located, how many people/residents you serve, unique services that you provide, what makes your organization different, your history, etc.] For additional information, visit [Nursing Home/Facility website URL].

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