

# LONG TERM CARE TRANSFORMATION OFFICE

## LONG TERM CARE RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS & EMPOWERMENT (LTC RISE) 2.0

### BACKGROUND

The LTC RISE Program is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and four healthcare organizations. With funding provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the 2019 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) – Enhanced Detection Expansion (EDE) grant, the healthcare organizations have established partnerships covering six regions across Pennsylvania to support preventive and emergent assistance for long term care facilities in the areas of infection prevention & control and healthcare emergency preparedness.

#### ➤ LTC RISE TO LTC RISE 2.0

The most promising quality improvement activities from RISE 1.0 were identified and organized into 6 themes: (Leadership Improvement; Frontline Staff Assessment and Skill Building; Infection Prevention & Control; Immunizations; Emergency Preparedness; Resident Care). These quality improvement activities offered regionally in RISE 1.0 are recommended to be offered statewide in RISE 2.0, effective August 2023.

- The program will be scaling back on crisis response to COVID-19 infection activities, however preserving the response capability to respond in the event of another COVID-19 surge.
- An all-hazards approach will now be employed - quality improvement initiatives will focus on building resilience for preventing, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from all potential hazards.
- RISE partners will also function complementarily to the Quality Investment Pilot (QIP) program through providing support towards ensuring awarded facilities complete projects and evaluations.

#### ➤ CORE RISE 2.0 ACTIVITIES

- **Long Term Care facility workforce resiliency** – promote long term care workforce professional development opportunities, including continuing education and leadership development, as well as practices that address staff physical and psychological well-being to optimize resident-centered care.
- **Infection prevention and control and healthcare emergency preparedness** – implement best practices to enhance delivery of resident-centered care based on what matters most to residents and their families and that supports residents' mobility and mentation.
- **Sustainable outbreak response operation** – maintain constructs that meet each facility's needs and build capacity through coordination of resources as well as engagement with the region and local community.



For more information, visit <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/facilities/Pages/LTC-Transformation.aspx>

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