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EL PASO CITY-COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY **GUIDANCE FOR VISITATION**

FACILITY-BASED ELDERLY LONG-TERM CARE **SERVICE PROVIDERS**

March 10, 2021

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

This Guidance supersedes the Health Authority Guidance published February 17, 2021.

Facility-Based Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities for the elderly, including all nursing homes and assisted living facilities, memory care, neuro care, skilled nursing facilities, and other long-term care facilities, have been severely impacted by COVID-19 with outbreaks causing high rates of infection, morbidity, and mortality among their residents and staff.

The LTC population is considered at high-risk of severe complications, not only from COVID-19 but from other infectious diseases, combined with risks inherent to congregate living in a healthcare setting requiring aggressive efforts to prevent outbreaks within these facilities and minimize exposure to COVID-19.

Consistent with the Texas Governor's Executive Order No. GA-34, LTC facilities should follow guidance from Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

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