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IN RE: :
 : EMERGENCY ORDER -
 ST. JOSEPH’S SENIORS’ HOME NURSING : CLOSURE OF FACILITY AND
 CENTER & ASSISTED LIVING : DISCHARGE OF RESIDENTS
 : TO CAREONE HANOVER
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TO: Administrator
 St. Joseph’s Seniors’ Home Nursing Center & Assisted Living

Pursuant to Executive Order 103, Governor Philip D. Murphy declared the existence of a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, N.J.S.A. 26:13-1 et seq., and a State of Emergency, pursuant to the Disaster Control Act, in the State of New Jersey for COVID-19, which is a novel coronavirus first identified in China, spread to multiple other countries, including the United States, and has been identified in New Jersey. Under the declared health emergency, the Department is empowered, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-8(a), “[to] close, direct and compel the evacuation of, or to decontaminate or cause to be decontaminated, any facility of which there is reasonable cause to believe that it may endanger the public health.”

Pursuant to Executive Order 103, the spread of COVID-19 within New Jersey Constitutes an imminent public health hazard that threatens and presently endangers the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of one or more municipalities or counties of the State.

Pursuant to Executive Order 103, it shall be the duty of every person or entity in this State or doing business in this State to cooperate fully with the State Director of Emergency Management and the Commissioner of the Department of Health in all matters concerning this state of emergency.

EMERGENCY ORDER – CLOSURE OF FACILITY AND DISCHARGE OF RESIDENTS TO CAREONE HANOVER

Pursuant to the above-referenced authority, the Department hereby issues the following Emergency Closure and Discharge Order to St. Joseph’s Seniors’ Home Nursing Center & Assisted Living (collectively “the facility”), which is effective immediately:

- You are ordered to immediately begin discharging all residents into the care of CareOne Hanover, except those residents whose responsible parties/Powers of Attorneys choose to take them home. This exception also extends to any Sisters who will be transferred to the Convent.
- You are ordered to cooperate completely with CareOne Hanover administration.
- You are ordered to notify each residents' contacts on file, including family, guardians and powers of attorney, regarding the transfer.
- You are ordered to send the following with each resident:
 - Medical records;
 - List of physicians;
 - Medications;
 - Contact information for family, Guardians and Powers of Attorneys;
 - Copies of Powers of Attorney and Guardianship documents;
 - Documentation regarding any special dietary needs.
- The facility shall notify each resident's physician and Managed Care Organization (M.C.O.) or other insurer about the transfer.
- Upon the discharge of your last resident, your long term care facility shall close and you shall not accept any new or returning residents during this period of closure.
- This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until the Department lifts the Order.

The basis upon which the order is justified is the significant spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey, the high number of COVID-19 cases at the facility and inadequate staffing at the facility to care for its residents.

RIGHT TO HEARING:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:13-8(a)(2), the facility has the right to request a hearing regarding this Order before the New Jersey Superior Court.

OTHER REMEDIES:

Failure to comply with this Emergency Order may result in the imposition of penalties and/or other applicable remedies.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the NJ Coronavirus and Poison Center Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.



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