

April 7, 2020

Beecher Hunter
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Mr. Hunter,

As officials who represent the people of Littleton, Massachusetts – where the Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley (LCC-NV) is located – we write to strongly urge Life Care Centers of America (LCCA) to immediately alert public health authorities of *any* confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 contamination within your network, including cases in which flu-like symptoms are exhibited. We also urge you to test all current workers at LCC-NV, and any that worked there in March and April, but have since left your employment. These actions should be taken without delay to protect residents, staff, and their families.

According to published reports, at least nine residents and eight staff members at LCC-NV have tested positively for the coronavirus; and a number of residents have passed away from the virus. Additionally, the Board of Health for the Town of Littleton has noted that the leadership of LCC-NV “*failed to comply with the lawful and appropriate instructions of the [Board] with regard to protocol for COVID-19.*” To be clear, we would regard any evasion of LCCA’s responsibilities to protect the residents in your care – and who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 – as a shocking betrayal of residents and their families as well as the LCCA’s dedicated employees.

Of particular concern is the apparent lack of readiness or responsiveness to the COVID-19 threat across the LCCA network. The first COVID-19 case at LCC-NV was transferred to a local hospital on March 27th and diagnosed positive the following day. However, this was far from the first positive case at an LCCA facility. Indeed, reports indicate that as early as February 10th, there were indications of a possible COVID-19 outbreak at the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Washington. Since then, there have been at least 37 deaths from COVID-19 in Kirkland. In that case, like the one at LCC-NV, the facility did not provide adequate notification to authorities.

We urge you to immediately ensure that your facilities fully comply with all public health requirements and take extreme care in preventing further contamination. The families we represent have placed a sacred trust in your hands, and we expect that LCCA to honor its obligation to them.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Representative



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