AHCA’s ESS: Updated ESS Info for Nursing Home and Assisted Living Providers

Pursuant to Governor Ron Desantis’ Executive Order 20-51 and at the direction of State Surgeon General Rivkees, regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Agency for Health Care Administration has opened the event “COVID-19 Monitoring” in the Emergency Status System to monitor nursing home and assisted living facility census, inventory, needs, and other related information statewide.

All nursing homes and assisted living facilities

- Ensure the “Facility Contacts” section is up-to-date.
- Please report Current Resident Census and available beds in your facility daily by 10 AM ET until further notice.
- A new event tab labeled “Add'l Info” should be updated now and then daily by 10 AM ET until further notice.
  - Questions on this screen may vary so be sure to read carefully each time you go to enter info.
  - As of April 1, 2020, there are 14 questions.
  - You may view previous responses by using the “History” table at the bottom of this screen.
- All needs requests should be submitted to your local Emergency Operations Center.
  - https://www.floridadisaster.org/counties/
- For reporting purposes, update the “Resource Needs” event tab in ESS as well.
  - Include the mission number(s) assigned by your local Emergency Operations Center.

If needed, click the following link to access instructions for entering facility data for events (see pages 1-4 of the document “How to Locate and Enter Event Information” under the Details column) http://ahca.myflorida.com/MCHQ/Emergency_Activities/index.shtml.

If you require additional assistance with ESS, please contact your AHCA licensing unit during normal business hours:
Long Term Care Services Unit, at 850-412-4303
Assisted Living Unit, at 850-412-4304