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## **CMS Holiday Guidance for Long Term Care Facilities**

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As the holiday season approaches, the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) has released a [Holiday Leave Recommendation Letter](#) to help keep Long Term Care facilities, residents, and their families safe for the upcoming holidays. These recommendations are addressed to nursing homes but are appropriate for assisted living facilities and other long term care facilities. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has created a [webpage on holiday celebrations](#), which has more suggestions for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Please continue to follow the guidance provided by the [Florida Department of Health](#) and the [CDC](#) to keep our facilities, residents, and their families safe this holiday season and beyond.

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