



On behalf of the Governor and all the public and private partners involved in the Long Term Care Task Force and the Regional Response Health Collaborative Program (RRHCP) thank you for the extraordinary and heroic work each of you has performed during this historic public health crisis. Your courage and sacrifice have saved lives.

The RRHCP, has been providing COVID-19 Prevention and Support services to long term care facilities throughout Pennsylvania since July 2020 through funding made available by Act 24 of 2020, which was allocated to the Commonwealth by CARES Act funding. As many of you are aware, the federal CARES Act funding expires December 30, 2020. We understand the anxiety and uncertainty that such a transition causes. All the public and private partners involved have been working to ensure core, essential supports can be provided into the new year. The FAQs below have been created to answer some of the questions that have been received regarding RRHCP support to long term care facilities through December 30, 2020.

Q. If I have agency staff at my facility that has been provided through the RRHC Program on December 30, 2020 when will their services end?

A. If agency staff is helping at the facility on December 30, 2020, they will continue to be at the facility until the end of their staffing mission. As in current practice, the RRHC can provide guidance as to when the staffing mission is expected to end.

Q. If I have PA National Guard staff helping at my facility on December 30, 2020 when will their services end?

A. The President of the United States has reauthorized deployment of the PA National Guard under what is known as Title 32. This allows the PANG to continue its support missions in long term care facilities under the command of the Governor while receiving federal funding. The PA National Guard will continue to be at the facility until the end of their staffing mission. As in current practice, the RRHC and/or PA National Guard can provide guidance as to when the staffing mission is expected to end.

Q. Will we receive PPE if it was requested but not received by December 30, 2020?

A. Yes, requests for PPE that were received before or on December 30, will be fulfilled.

Q. Who do I contact if I have a need at my facility on December 30, 2020?

A. Any requests for assistance received before or on December 30, 2020 can be submitted to the RRHC via the Call Center or through PADOH outbreak staff that you have been communicating with about your outbreak. The RRHC regional call center will continue to operate after December 30, 2020.

Q. Will the same services be provided by the state or the RRHCs after December 31, 2020?

A. Facilities should continue to contact their regional call center with any needs. We are working with our partners to ensure continued access to PPE, infection control expertise and consultation, testing resources, staffing support and rapid response capacity. Additional communications will be forthcoming, but all facilities

should continue to contact their regional call centers for help. All our regional partners will remain engaged alongside our Commonwealth agencies and the Pennsylvania National Guard to assist facilities.

Thank you for your work protecting our most vulnerable neighbors, family, and friends. Although the RRHCP is ending, your partners will remain engaged to provide help and support. Please continue to call us and ask for help.