

Good afternoon long-term care facilities,

We are writing to inform you that the Pennsylvania Department of Health ***will no longer be able to provide short-term crisis staffing support or staffing support for test swabbing missions as of January 14, 2023.*** This decision has been made due to the exhaustion of funds designated for this purpose. We want to assure you that we will do our best to assist with a smooth transition.

The Department remains committed to providing opportunities to build long term resilience into long-term care facilities that includes bolstering Pennsylvania's long-term care workforce development and retention.

We strongly encourage you to engage with your local [LTC RISE partner](#). LTC RISE ***will*** continue to provide COVID-19 outbreak response consultative support. LTC RISE will also continue to support quality improvement project opportunities, including projects focused on workforce development and retention.

We also remind you that the [Long-Term Care Quality Investment Pilot](#) (QIP) is another opportunity which can benefit skilled nursing facilities, personal care homes, assisted living facilities, and intermediate care facilities. We urge facilities to apply for funds to invest in key areas that include staff development and retention. Applications for QIP are due Saturday December 31, 2022, by 1:30pm.

Thank you for your continued efforts protecting Pennsylvania's most vulnerable residents and for your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

Pennsylvania Department of Health