

# LONG TERM CARE TRANSFORMATION OFFICE

## LONG TERM CARE RESILIENCY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORTS & EMPOWERMENT (LTC RISE) 2.0

### BACKGROUND

The LTC RISE Program is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS), Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and four healthcare organizations. With funding provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) under the 2019 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) – Enhanced Detection Expansion (EDE) grant, the healthcare organizations have established partnerships covering six regions across Pennsylvania to support preventive and emergent assistance for long term care facilities in the areas of infection prevention & control and healthcare emergency preparedness.

#### ➤ LTC RISE TO LTC RISE 2.0

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the LTC RISE program and its former iterations have offered services highly focused on outbreak incident management. With the launch of RISE 2.0, emphasis will now pivot to a stronger resiliency posture. These higher resiliency focused projects will include:

- Best quality improvement activities from RISE 1.0 identified and organized into 6 themes (Leadership Improvement; Frontline Staff Assessment and Skill Building; Infection Prevention & Control; Immunizations; Emergency Preparedness; Resident Care).
- Identified quality improvement activities offered regionally in RISE 1.0 are being recommended to be offered statewide in RISE 2.0.
- Scaling back on crisis response to COVID-19 infection, however preserving the response capability to respond in the event of another COVID-19 or similar highly infectious disease surge.
- Taking an All-Hazards Approach (not only focused specifically on COVID-19, but on building resilience for preventing, mitigating, responding and recovering from all potential care hazards).
- Offer support and data collection complimentary to the Quality Investment Pilot (QIP) program and providing support towards ensuring completion of projects and evaluation.

#### ➤ CORE RISE 2.0 ACTIVITIES

- **Long Term Care facility workforce resiliency** – promote long term care workforce professional development opportunities, including continuing education and leadership development, as well as practices that address staff physical and psychological well-being to optimize resident-centered care.
- **Infection prevention and control and healthcare emergency preparedness** – implement best practices to enhance delivery of resident-centered care based on what matters most to residents and their families and that supports residents’ mobility and mentation.
- **Sustainable outbreak response operation** – maintain constructs that meet each facility’s needs and build capacity through coordination of resources as well as engagement with the region and local community.

