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TO: Long Term Care Facility Administrators

FROM: Paul Dreyer, Ph.D., Director

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SUBJECT: Tuberculosis Testing and Treatment for Nursing Homes and Rest Homes

The Department of Public Health, Division of TB Prevention and Control, has developed the enclosed guidelines for tuberculosis testing and treatment for residents of long term care facilities in Massachusetts.

Included in these documents, please find:

- POLICY: "Tuberculosis Testing and Treatment for Nursing Homes and Rest Homes"
- "Two Step Skin Testing: Nursing Home and Rest Home Residents"
- TB Fact Sheet: "Targeted Testing & Treatment for Latent TB Infection"

The Division of Health Care Quality recommends following these guidelines in the development and implementation of policies and procedures for tuberculosis testing and control. If you have any questions, please call Jill Mazzola, Assistant Director, at 617-753-8106.