

Date:	April 29, 2020
To:	Northern Health staff and physicians
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Re:	Ethics documents for long-term care homes and assisted living facilities

In follow up to [the ethical frameworks and resources to support COVID-19 decision-making](#), which were circulated on April 6, 2020, new SBAR ethics documents are available to support decision-making in long-term care and assisted facilities:

- [Long-term care to acute care transfers – non-beneficial treatment](#)
 - This document provides recommendation on when it may be appropriate **not** to transport a resident from a long term care facility to a higher level of care
- [Responding to suspected COVID-19 for residents in shared rooms in long-term care and assisted living](#)
 - This document provides recommendations on maintaining appropriate infection control and distancing measures in facilities with shared room accommodations
- [Visitation restrictions in long-term care and assisted living](#)
 - This document provides support and recommendations on limiting visitor access to long term care and assisted living facilities

Additionally, the NH Ethics Committee is available to accept ethics consultation requests, whether related to COVID-19 or not. Information about ethics at Northern Health is on the [Ethical Choices webpage](#).

How to get help with an ethical decision

There are three different ways to access the Northern Health Ethics Committee.

- Print and fax this [confidential form](#)
- Call toll-free 1-888-233-7005 (Mon - Fri 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)
- Email: ethics@northernhealth.ca