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STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER/SUPPLIER/CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 225515	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. Building B. Wing	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED 02/07/2023		
NAME OF PROVIDER OR SUPPLIER D'Youville Senior Care		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 981 Varnum Avenue Lowell, MA 01854			
For information on the nursing home's	plan to correct this deficiency, please con	tact the nursing home or the state survey	agency.		
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F 0880 Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program. **NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY** 41105 Based on observation and interview the facility failed to ensure 1.) staff performed hand hygiene when indicated and 2.) wore proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when treating a COVID-19 positive resident, during a COVID-19 outbreak at the facility. Findings include: Review of the facility's policy titled, Handwashing/ Hand Hygiene, dated 9/2021, indicated Hand Hygiene must be performed minimally under the following conditions: K. After removing gloves; N. Upon completion of duty. Review of the facility's policy titled, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), reviewed 1/2022, indicated B. Gowns, in addition to wearing a gown as outlined in Standard Precautions, wear a clean gown when entering the room if you anticipate that your clothing will have substantial contact with the resident, environmental surfaces or items in the resident's room or if the resident is incontinent, has diarrhea etc. C. PPE, Appropriate PPE is to be used during the following high-contact resident care activities: A. Dressing				
	C. Transferring D. Providing Hygiene E. Changing Linens F. Changing briefs or assisting with toileting (continued on next page)				

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.

LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE

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F 0880	Gloves and gown are donned prior to the high-contact care activity. Change PPE before caring for another resident.				
Level of Harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm Residents Affected - Some	During an initial interview on 2/7/23 at 8:45 A.M., the Nursing Home Administrator, Infection Preventionist Nurse and Director of Nursing (DON) indicated that the facility had been in a COVID-19 outbreak since 12/31/22. The Infection Preventionist Nurse said that the most recent COVID-19 positive case for residents was on 2/3/22 and that there remained 7 residents in the facility that were presently COVID-19 positive. 1.) During an observation on 2/7/23 at 9:45 A.M., the surveyor observed Housekeeper #1 cleaning the [NAME] Unit main dining room, wearing a glove on each hand. Housekeeper #1 finished cleaning, removed the gloves, then without performing hand hygiene pushed his cart to the exit door, pushed open the door with his hand, contaminating the door's surface and exited the dining room. During an observation on 2/7/23 at 9:50 A.M., on the [NAME] Unit (6 residents on the unit are presently COVID-19 positive) the surveyor observed Housekeeper #2 exit a resident room, remove his gloves and place the gloves in the trash. Then, without performing hand hygiene, Housekeeper #2 pushed open an exit door, contaminating its surface and exited the unit. The surveyor continued to make the following observation on the unit:				
	removed his gloves in the hallway	ited the soiled utility room with a glove on each hand. Housekeeper #3 and placed them in the trash. Then, without performing hand hygiene, was he unit exit, push open the exit door with his hand, contaminating the			
	During an observation on the [NAME] Unit on 2/7/23 at 10:20 A.M., the surveyor observed a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) exit a resident room, wearing a glove on each hand and carrying a bag of soiled linen in each hand. The CNA walked to the soiled utility closet, and with a gloved hand entered a code in the keypad and pushed open the door, contaminating the surfaces of both the keypad and door.				
	During an interview on 2/7/23 at 12:01 P.M., the Administrator, Infection Preventionist Nurse and DON said it was the expectation that staff perform hand hygiene before and after they DON and DOFF gloves. Further, they said it was their expectation the staff not wear gloves in the hallway or touch surfaces, such as the keypad to the soiled utility room and it's door, while wearing gloves.				
	2.) During an observation on 2/7/23 at 11:10 A.M., on the [NAME] Unit (6 residents on the unit are presently COVID-19 positive) the surveyor observed an Occupational Therapist (OT) #1 in a COVID 19+ resident room treating the resident. OT #1 was not wearing a protective gown. A sign hanging on the door at the entryway to the room indicated the staff were to follow ISOLATION droplet/contact precautions and were required to wear a gown when in the room. The surveyor continued to make the following observations:				
	walker as she walked the resident	nt arm around the resident's waist and l to the bathroom. OT #1 entered the bat through the removal of his/her pants.			
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