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A 000	Initial Comments A complaint survey and an Control and generator monitoring was conducted on at La Casa Assisted Living, Merritt Island. Deficiencies were found at the time of the visit.	A 000		
A 030 SS=D	59A-36.007(6) FAC; 429.28() FS 429.27 Resident Care - Rights & Facility Procedures 59A-36.007 (6) RESIDENT RIGHTS AND FACILITY PROCEDURES. (a) A copy of the Resident Bill of Rights as described in section 429.28, F.S., or a summary provided by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program must be posted in full view in a freely accessible resident area, and included in the admission package provided pursuant to rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. (b) In accordance with section 429.28, F.S., the facility must have a written grievance procedure for receiving and responding to resident complaints and a written procedure to allow residents to recommend changes to facility policies and procedures. The facility must be able to demonstrate that such procedure is implemented upon receipt of a complaint. (c) The telephone number for lodging complaints against a facility or facility staff must be posted in full view in a common area accessible to all residents. The telephone numbers are: the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, 1(888)831-0404; , Rights Florida, 1(800)342-0823; the Agency Consumer Hotline 1(888)419-3456, and the statewide toll-free telephone number of the Florida Hotline, 1(800)96- or 1(800)962-2873. The telephone numbers must be posted in close proximity to a telephone accessible by residents	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 1 and the text must be a minimum of 14-point font. (d) The facility must have a written statement of its house rules and procedures that must be included in the admission package provided pursuant to rule 59A-36.006, F.A.C. The rules and procedures must at a minimum address the facility's policies regarding: 1. Resident responsibilities; 2. _____ and tobacco use; 3. Medication storage; 4. Resident elopement; 5. Reporting resident _____, neglect, and _____ 6. Administrative and housekeeping schedules and requirements; 7. _____ control, sanitation, and universal precautions; and, 8. The requirements for coordinating the delivery of services to residents by third party providers. (e) Residents may not be required to perform any work in the facility without compensation. Residents may be required to clean their own sleeping areas or apartments if the facility rules or the facility contract includes such a requirement. If a resident is employed by the facility, the resident must be compensated in compliance with state and federal wage laws. (f) The facility must provide residents with convenient access to a telephone to facilitate the resident's right to unrestricted and private communication, pursuant to section 429.28(1)(d), F.S. The facility must allow unidentified telephone calls to residents. For facilities with a licensed capacity of 17 or more residents in which residents do not have private telephones, there must be, at a minimum, a readily accessible telephone on each floor of each building where residents reside. (g) In addition to the requirements of section	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 2 429.41(1)(k), F.S., the use of physical _____ by a facility on a resident must be reviewed by the resident's physician annually. Any device, including half-bed rails, which the resident chooses to use and can remove or avoid without assistance, is not considered a physical _____. 429.28 Resident bill of rights.- (1) No resident of a facility shall be deprived of any civil or legal rights, benefits, or privileges guaranteed by law, the Constitution of the State of Florida, or the Constitution of the United States as a resident of a facility. Every resident of a facility shall have the right to: (a) Live in a safe and decent living environment, free from _____ and neglect. (b) Be treated with consideration and respect and with due recognition of personal dignity, individuality, and the need for privacy. (c) Retain and use his or her own clothes and other personal property in his or her immediate living quarters, so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity, except when the facility can demonstrate that such would be unsafe, impractical, or an infringement upon the rights of other residents. (d) Unrestricted private communication, including receiving and sending unopened correspondence, access to a telephone, and visiting with any person of his or her choice, at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. at a minimum. Upon request, the facility shall make provisions to extend visiting hours for caregivers and out-of-town guests, and in other similar situations. (e) Freedom to participate in and benefit from community services and activities and to pursue the highest possible level of independence, autonomy, and interaction within the community.	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 3 (f) Manage his or her financial affairs unless the resident or, if applicable, the resident's representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, or attorney in fact authorizes the administrator of the facility to provide safekeeping for funds as provided in s. 429.27. (g) Share a room with his or her spouse if both are residents of the facility. (h) Reasonable opportunity for regular exercise several times a week and to be outdoors at regular and frequent intervals except when prevented by inclement weather. (i) Exercise civil and religious liberties, including the right to independent personal decisions. No religious beliefs or practices, nor any attendance at religious services, shall be imposed upon any resident. (j) Assistance with obtaining access to adequate and appropriate health care. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "adequate and appropriate health care" means the management of medications, assistance in making , , for health care services, the provision of or arrangement of transportation to health care , , and the performance of health care services in accordance with s. 429.255 which are consistent with established and recognized standards within the community. (k) At least 45 days' notice of relocation or termination of residency from the facility unless, for medical reasons, the resident is certified by a physician to require an emergency relocation to a facility providing a more skilled level of care or the resident engages in a pattern of conduct that is harmful or offensive to other residents. In the case of a resident who has been adjudicated mentally , , the guardian shall be given at least 45 days' notice of a nonemergency relocation or residency termination. Reasons for	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 4 relocation shall be set forth in writing. In order for a facility to terminate the residency of an individual without notice as provided herein, the facility shall show good cause in a court of competent jurisdiction. (1) Present grievances and recommend changes in policies, procedures, and services to the staff of the facility, governing officials, or any other person without _____, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal. Each facility shall establish a grievance procedure to facilitate the residents' exercise of this right. This right includes access to ombudsman volunteers and advocates and the right to be a member of, to be active in, and to associate with advocacy or special interest groups. (2) The administrator of a facility shall ensure that a written notice of the rights, _____, and prohibitions set forth in this part is posted in a prominent place in each facility and read or explained to residents who cannot read. The notice must include the statewide toll-free telephone number and e-mail address of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program and the telephone number of the local ombudsman council, the Elder _____ Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and, if applicable, _____, Rights Florida, where complaints may be lodged. The notice must state that a complaint made to the Office of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or a local long-term care ombudsman council, the names and identities of the residents involved in the complaint, and the identity of complainants are kept confidential pursuant to s. 400.0077 and that retaliatory action cannot be taken against a resident for presenting grievances or for exercising any other resident right. The facility must ensure a resident's access to a telephone to	A 030			

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A 030	Continued From page 5 call the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program or local ombudsman council, the Elder Hotline operated by the Department of Children and Families, and Rights Florida. 429.27 Property and personal affairs of residents.- (1)(a) A resident shall be given the option of using his or her own belongings, as space permits; choosing his or her roommate; and, whenever possible, unless the resident is adjudicated incompetent or incompetent under state law, managing his or her own affairs. (b) The admission of a resident to a facility and his or her presence therein shall not confer on the facility or its owner, administrator, employees, or representatives any authority to manage, use, or dispose of any property of the resident; nor shall such admission or presence confer on any of such persons any authority or responsibility for the personal affairs of the resident, except that which may be necessary for the safe management of the facility or for the safety of the resident. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on observations, record review and interviews, the facility failed to safe- guard residents' well-being by failing to follow current control standards related to COVID-19 and Florida Governor's emergency orders DEM Order 20-006, dated , delineating minimum screening standards for persons entering identified residential facilities. Findings: The COVID-19 is a transmissible , ,	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 6 that presents severe risk to persons who are aged, infirm, or suffer from co-including, but not limited to, system deficiency,, and See generally, Publications of the Centers for Control. On, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 20-51 designating a Public Health Emergency as a result of COVID-19 and its impact. Pursuant to that authority, emergency orders have been issued by the Florida Division of Emergency Management to implement the protections necessary to assure the health, safety, and well-being of Florida's citizenry, including those most to the effects of Among those emergency orders was DEM Order 20-006, dated, delineating minimum screening standards for persons entering identified residential facilities. The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has issued guidance and clarification on DEM Order 20-006 to providers, and on, issued an alert notifying nursing homes that all staff or other individuals admitted to a residential facility must don masks and that caregivers must wear gloves when providing resident care. While the treatment and management of residents with and the implementation of isolation precautions for such events are a long-standing health care issues faced by residential facilities, the ease of contagion and the effects of presented by COVID-19 mandate that providers exert meticulous practice and procedure to identify resident symptoms and take immediate procedures to both assure appropriate treatment of a potentially	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 7 resident and protect the remainder of a facility's population from the risk of spread of the During an observation of the memory care unit on _____ at 10:40am, this surveyor observed 6 memory care residents sitting in wheelchairs in the common area, lined up in a row without wearing any protective equipment, sitting less than 2 _____ apart. The Caregiver was wearing gloves and a mask while attending to the residents. The caregiver stated, "the residents will not keep their masks on, so the staff does not enforce it." Surveyor attempted to interview residents, but they were unable to understand questions due to _____ During an observation of the assisted living building on _____ at 10:45am, this surveyor observed residents ambulating throughout the common areas not wearing protective equipment, not adhering to staying 6 _____ apart and staff did not encourage residents to do so. In an interview on _____ at 11am with Staff A, she confirmed residents are not encouraged to wear masks as they will not keep them on. She confirmed the families can visit the residents outside the memory care building standing 6 _____ apart from one another. She stated she was not sure what the protocol was for masks and visitors. In an interview on _____ at 11:15am with Staff B, she confirmed the residents do not wear protective equipment when in common areas as they will not keep them on and the staff prefers to have the residents close together in the common area in order to supervise them more closely. She also confirmed families can visit their family	A 030		

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A 030	Continued From page 8 member if they are outside of the building and 6 apart. In an interview on _____ at 11:30am with Staff C she confirmed the residents are not asked to wear masks as they might swallow or eat them. She also confirmed family members can visit at the facility outside the memory care unit and standing 6 ... apart. In an interview on _____ at 11:45am with the administrator, she confirmed the above statements and stated " the family members that visit stand 6 ... apart and outside the building as there is no difference if they were to see them through the window." Class III	A 030			
A 200 SS=D	59A-36.025 FAC Emergency Environmental Control 59A-36.025 Emergency Environmental Control for Assisted Living Facilities. (1) DETAILED EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL PLAN. Each assisted living facility shall prepare a detailed plan ("plan") to serve as a supplement to its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, to address emergency environmental control in the event of the loss of primary electrical power in that assisted living facility which includes the following information: (a) The acquisition of a sufficient alternate power source such as a generator(s), maintained at the assisted living facility, to ensure that current licensees of assisted living facilities will be equipped to ensure _____ air temperatures will be maintained at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 9 event of the loss of primary electrical power. 1. The required temperature must be maintained in an area or areas, determined by the assisted living facility, of sufficient size to maintain residents safely at all times and that is appropriate for resident care needs and life safety requirements. For planning purposes, no less than twenty (20) net square per resident must be provided. The assisted living facility may use eighty percent (80%) of its licensed bed capacity as the number of residents to be used in the to determine the required square footage. This may include areas that are less than the entire assisted living facility if the assisted living facility's comprehensive emergency management plan includes allowing a resident to congregate when he or she desires in portions of the building where temperatures will be maintained and includes procedures for monitoring residents for signs of heat related injury as required by this rule. This rule does not prohibit a facility from acting as a receiving provider for evacuees when the conditions stated in section 408.821, F.S. and subsection 59A-36.019(5), F.A.C., are met. The plan shall include information regarding the area(s) within the assisted living facility where the required temperature will be maintained. 2. The alternate power source and fuel supply shall be located in an area(s) in accordance with local zoning and the Florida Building Code. 3. Each assisted living facility is unique in size; the types of care provided; the physical and mental capabilities and needs of residents; the type, frequency, and amount of services and care offered; and staffing characteristics. Accordingly, this rule does not limit the types of systems or equipment that may be used to achieve temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 10 for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours in the event of the loss of primary electrical power. The plan shall include information regarding the systems and equipment that will be used by the assisted living facility and the fuel required to operate the systems and equipment. a. An assisted living facility in an evacuation zone pursuant to chapter 252, F, S. must maintain an alternative power source and fuel as required by this subsection at all times when the assisted living facility is occupied but is permitted to utilize a mobile generator(s) to enable portability if evacuation is necessary. b. Assisted living facilities located on a single campus with other facilities under common ownership, may share fuel, alternative power resources, and resident space available on the campus if such resources are sufficient to support the requirements of each facility's residents, as specified in this rule. Details regarding how resources will be shared and any necessary movement of residents must be clearly described in the emergency power plan. c. A multistory facility, whose comprehensive emergency management plan is to move residents to a higher floor during a flood or surge event, must place its alternative power source and all necessary additional equipment so it can safely operate in a location protected from flooding or storm surge damage. (b) The acquisition of sufficient fuel, and safe maintenance of that fuel at the facility, to ensure that in the event of the loss of primary electrical power there is sufficient fuel available for the alternate power source to maintain temperatures at or below 81 degrees Fahrenheit for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours after the loss of primary electrical power during a declared state of emergency. The plan must include	A 200		

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A 200	Continued From page 11 information regarding fuel source and fuel storage. 1. Facilities must store minimum amounts of fuel onsite as follows: a. A facility with a licensed capacity of 16 beds or less must store 48 hours of fuel onsite. b. A facility with a licensed capacity of 17 or more beds must store 72 hours of fuel onsite. 2. An assisted living facility located in an area in a declared state of emergency area pursuant to section 252.36, F.S. that may impact primary power delivery must secure ninety-six (96) hours of fuel. The assisted living facility may utilize portable fuel storage containers for the remaining fuel necessary for ninety-six (96) hours during the period of a declared state of emergency. 3. Piped natural gas is an allowable fuel source and meets the onsite fuel supply requirements under this rule. 4. If local ordinances or other regulations limit the amount of onsite fuel storage for the assisted living facility's location, then the assisted living facility must develop a plan that includes maximum onsite fuel storage allowable by the ordinance or regulation and a reliable method to obtain the maximum additional fuel at least 24 hours prior to depletion of onsite fuel. (c) The acquisition of services necessary to maintain, and test the equipment and its functions to ensure the safe and sufficient operation of the alternate power source maintained at the assisted living facility. (d) The acquisition and maintenance of a monoxide alarm. (2) SUBMISSION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each assisted living facility licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall submit its plan to the local emergency management agency for review within 30 days of the effective date of this	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 12 rule. Assisted living facility plans previously submitted and approved pursuant to emergency rule 58AER17-1 will require resubmission only if changes are made to the plan. (b) Each new assisted living facility shall submit the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (c) Each existing assisted living facility that undergoes any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of its systems or equipment affecting the facility's compliance with this rule shall amend its plan and submit it to the local emergency management agency for review and approval. (3) APPROVED PLANS. (a) Each assisted living facility must maintain a copy of its approved plan in a manner that makes the plan readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the plan is maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the plan. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the plan, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (b) Within two (2) business days of the approval of the plan from the local emergency management agency, the assisted living facility shall submit in writing proof of the approval to the Agency for Health Care Administration. (c) The assisted living facility shall submit a consumer-friendly summary of the emergency power plan to the Agency. The Agency shall post the summary and notice of the approval and implementation of the assisted living facility emergency power plans on its website within ten (10) business days of the plan's approval by the	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 13 local emergency management agency and update within ten (10) business days of implementation. (4) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN. (a) Each assisted living facility licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall, no later than _____, have implemented the plan required under this rule. (b) The Agency shall allow an extension up to _____ to providers in compliance with paragraph (c) below and who can show delays caused by necessary construction, delivery of ordered equipment, zoning or other regulatory approval processes. Assisted living facilities shall notify the Agency that they will utilize the extension and keep the Agency apprised of progress on a quarterly basis to ensure there are no unnecessary delays. If an assisted living facility can show in its quarterly progress reports that unavoidable delays caused by necessary construction, delivery of ordered equipment, zoning or other regulatory approval processes will occur beyond the initial extension date, the assisted living facility may request a waiver pursuant to section 120.542, F.S. (c) During the extension period, an assisted living facility must make arrangements pending full implementation of its plan that provides the residents with an area or areas to congregate that meets the safe indoor air temperature requirements of subsection (1) (a) for a minimum of ninety-six (96) hours. 1. An assisted living facility not located in an evacuation zone must either have an alternative power source onsite or have a contract in place for delivery of an alternative power source and fuel when requested. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a state of emergency for an event that may impact primary power delivery	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 14 for the area of the assisted living facility, it must have the alternative power source and no less than ninety-six (96) hours of fuel stored onsite. 2. An assisted living facility located in an evacuation zone pursuant to chapter 252, F.S. must either: a. Fully and safely evacuate its residents prior to the arrival of the event; or b. Have an alternative power source and no less than ninety-six (96) hours of fuel stored onsite, within twenty-four (24) hours of the issuance of a state of emergency for the area of the assisted living facility. (d) Each new assisted living facility shall implement the plan required under this rule prior to obtaining a license. (e) Existing assisted living facilities that undergo any additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction that require modification of the systems or equipment affecting the assisted living facility's compliance with this rule shall implement its amended plan concurrent with any such additions, modifications, alterations, refurbishment, renovations or reconstruction. (f) The Agency for Health Care Administration may request cooperation from the State Fire Marshal to conduct inspections to ensure implementation of the plan in compliance with this rule. (5) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. (a) Each assisted living facility shall develop and implement written policies and procedures to ensure that the assisted living facility can effectively and immediately activate, operate and maintain the alternate power source and any fuel required for the operation of the alternate power source. The procedures shall ensure that residents do not experience complications from	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 15 fluctuations in air temperatures inside the facility. Procedures must address the care of residents occupying the facility during a declared state of emergency, specifically, a description of the methods to be used to mitigate the potential for heat related injury including: 1. The use of cooling devices and equipment; 2. The use of refrigeration and freezers to produce ice and appropriate temperatures for the maintenance of medicines requiring refrigeration; 3. Wellness checks by assisted living facility staff to monitor for signs of . . . and heat injury; and 4. A provision for obtaining medical intervention from emergency services for residents whose life safety is in jeopardy. (b) Each assisted living facility shall maintain the written policies and procedures in a manner that makes them readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the policies and procedures are maintained in an electronic format, assisted living facility staff must be readily available to access the policies and procedures and produce the requested information. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the policies and procedures, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. (c) The written policies and procedures must be readily available for inspection by each resident; each resident's legal representative, designee, surrogate, guardian, attorney in fact, or case manager; each resident's estate; and such additional parties as authorized in writing or by law. (6) REVOCATION OF LICENSE, FINES OR SANCTIONS. For a violation of any part of this rule, the Agency for Health Care Administration may seek any remedy authorized by chapter 429,	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 16 part I, or chapter 408, part II, F.S., including, but not limited to, license revocation, license suspension, and the imposition of administrative fines. (7) COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) Assisted living facilities whose comprehensive emergency management plan is to evacuate must comply with this rule. (b) Each facility whose plan has been approved shall submit the plan as an addendum with any future submissions for approval of its comprehensive emergency management plan. (8) NOTIFICATION. (a) Within five (5) business days, each assisted living facility must notify in writing, unless permission for electronic communication has been granted, each resident and the resident's legal representative: 1. Upon submission of the plan to the local emergency management agency that the plan has been submitted for review and approval; 2. Upon final implementation of the plan by the assisted living facility. (b) Each assisted living facility must maintain a copy of each notification set forth in paragraph (a) above in a manner that makes each notification readily available at the licensee's physical address for review by a legally authorized entity. If the notifications are maintained in an electronic format, facility staff must be readily available to access and produce the notifications. For purposes of this section, "readily available" means the ability to immediately produce the notifications, either in electronic or paper format, upon request. This Statute or Rule is not met as evidenced by: Based on review and interview the facility failed to notify in writing within five (5) business days of	A 200			

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A 200	Continued From page 17 the submission and final implementation of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to all residents and their representatives. Findings: In a review on _____, a request was made to review the facility's CEMP and notification letters. Upon review of the plan it confirmed the plan was approved on _____ and implemented on _____. Further review of the facility's records confirmed residents and their representatives were not notified of the submission nor the implementation of the plan. In an interview on _____ at 11am with the administrator she stated, " she was not aware she was supposed notify the residents and their representatives of the submission and implementation of the plan." Class III	A 200			