

# Provincial COVID 9-1-1 Long Term Care Transfer Algorithm

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**Legend**  
 AMPDS: Advanced Medical Priority Dispatch System  
 BCEHS: BC Emergency Health Service  
 ED: Emergency Department  
 EPOS: Emergency Physician Online Support  
 HA: Health Authority  
 LTC: Long Term Care  
 MOST: Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment  
 MRP: Most Responsible Physician (or call coverage)

**Definition**  
<sup>1</sup>Actual or potential life threatening and urgent conditions (Purple, Red, Orange) per AMPDS

**Guiding Principles**

- LTC facilities are at high risk for spread of COVID-19 and related severe outcomes for residents
- LTC facilities are to take significant measures to minimize risk for exposure by minimizing inter-facility transfers
  - Consider alternative care delivery
  - Medically appropriate transfers
- Reduce demand on 9-1-1 ambulance and ED resources

