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In Re: THE FOUNTAINS OF ATCO (NJ Facility ID# NJ060419) and (NJ Facility ID# NJ15a007)	ORDER LIFTING CURTAILMENT OF NEW ADMISSIONS AND READMISSIONS AND DIRECTING NOTIFICATION TO NEW ADMISSION AND READMISSION PATIENTS AND RESIDENTS

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On August 12, 2026, the New Jersey Department of Health (the Department) issued an order curtailing new admissions and readmissions (Curtailment Order) to the long-term care facility and assisted living facility within the Fountains of Atco (the Facility) due to the Facility's failure to implement public health water management recommendations to address the presence of *Legionella* in its water system in violation of the Department's licensing regulations, which created an immediate and serious risk of harm to residents. Also on August 12, 2026, the Department issued a Directed Plan of Correction (DPOC) to the Facility. On August 31, 2026, the Department issued an order amending the DPOC, but the curtailment of new admissions and readmissions remained in effect.

In response to the Order of Curtailment and as required by the DPOC, the Facility has implemented temporary water system control measures while it continues to fully address and remediate the presence of *Legionella* in its water system. Specifically, the Facility has, among other measures, engaged a New Jersey-licensed engineer with expertise in building water system design; engaged a qualified and independent water treatment vendor to perform a facility-wide emergency chemical shock remediation; implemented resident and staff notification protocols; implemented staff training on the Facility's Legionnaires' disease prevention and risk mitigation strategies; installed point-of-use 0.2-micron filters on all sinks and showers in occupied patient and resident rooms; and engaged an Administrator Consultant and a Certified Infection Control Practitioner consultant.

The Department acknowledges that the Facility has taken initial steps toward remediation and implemented temporary control measures to minimize residents' risk of *Legionella* exposure pending completion of remediation. Accordingly, effective immediately, the Department is lifting the curtailment of admissions and readmissions to the Facility. However, the Department is amending the DPOC, as outlined below, to ensure that the Facility continues to address and properly remediate the presence of *Legionella* in its water system

in order to protect the health and safety of its residents. The Facility must continue to implement the DPOC, as amended below.

The Department reserves the right to reinstitute the Curtailment Order if the Facility fails to comply with the DPOC, fails to follow the directives of the Department's Communicable Disease Service, fails to uphold its Water Management Program, fails to utilize and maintain its point-of-use 0.2-micron filters as currently implemented, fails to make continued progress on its ongoing risk assessment and facility-wide emergency remediation, or other conduct or circumstances of the Facility that creates an immediate and serious threat of harm to residents of the Facility.

AMENDED DPOC

The DPOC is amended to include the following:

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

In addition to the notification requirements in the DPOC, the Facility shall provide written notification to all newly admitted and readmitted patients and residents advising them of the current *Legionella* contamination, the deaths, the ongoing *Legionella* investigation, the control measures in place, and the actions the facility is taking to minimize risk. This written notification must be provided to prospective new admissions and readmissions before admission to the Facility.

The Facility shall submit this notification to the Department for review and approval prior to dissemination by sending the notification to Kathleen.Ross@doh.nj.gov and Nadine.Jackman@doh.nj.gov.

The Facility shall also provide documentation to the Department demonstrating that this written notification was made to each newly admitted or readmitted patient or resident prior to their admission. The Facility shall submit this documentation to the Department as part of its weekly progress reports required under the DPOC. The August 12, 2026, DPOC, as amended on August 31, 2026, and in the within Order, remains in effect.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions concerning this order, please contact Lisa King, Office of Program Compliance, at Lisa.King@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Gene Rosenblum

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