



NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH

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Bureau of Health Care Safety and Quality
67 Forest St.
Marlborough, MA 01752

Life Care Center of Littleton – Letter of Concern

To Whom It May Concern:

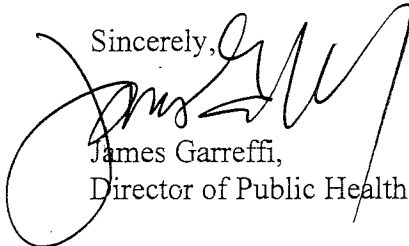
I'm writing to express my concern, as a local public health official, for the lack of cooperation from the abovementioned facility with our office regarding our duties, as a health department, to conduct our State mandated disease surveillance and reporting.

Recently our office received a report of a staff person and patient who tested positive for COVID-19. Our Public Health Nurse reached out to the facility as part of the investigation into the individuals to instruct them on the requirements for isolation and to obtain a list of close contacts (contact tracing). The staff at the facility was not forthcoming with the information.

As Agents for the local Board of Health my Public Health Nurses and I believe our role in the disease surveillance and reporting is extremely important to protect the staff and patients at this facility and the public in general. We would appreciate any assistance you can provide to ensure cooperation.

If you should have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the office.

Sincerely,



James Garreffi,
Director of Public Health