



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION  
**800 NE 136th Ave Ste 200, Vancouver, WA 98684**

CHEHALIS WEST RETIREMENT CENTER INC  
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478 NW QUINCY PLACE  
Chehalis, WA 98532

RE: CHEHALIS WEST RETIREMENT CENTER INC License # 783

Dear Administrator:

This letter addresses Compliance Determination(s) 39851 (Completion Date 04/16/2024) and 35255 (Completion Date 01/29/2024).

The Department completed a follow-up inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 04/16/2024 and found no deficiencies. Your facility meets the Assisted Living Facility licensing requirements.

The Department found that deficiencies for the following licensing laws and regulations were corrected:  
WAC 388-78A-2040-1

The Department staff who did the on-site verification:

Maria Salas, ALF Complaint Investigator  
Anissa Bearden, Licensors

If you have any questions, please contact me at (253)254-3190.

Sincerely,

*Cory Cisneros*

Cory Cisneros, Field Manager  
Region 3, Unit E  
Residential Care Services

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## Residential Care Services Investigation Summary Report

**Provider/Facility:** CHEHALIS WEST  
RETIREMENT CENTER INC  
**License/Cert.#:** 783

**Provider Type:** Assisted Living Facility

**Compliance Determination #:** 35255

**Intake ID:** 109312

**Investigator:** Maria Salas

**Region/Unit #:** RCS Region 3 / Unit E

**Investigation Date(s):** 01/16/2024 through 01/29/2024

**Complainant Contact Date(s):**

### Allegation(s):

Facility reported COVID outbreak

### Investigation Methods:

<b>Sample:</b>	Total residents: 56 Resident sample size: 3 Closed records sample size: 0
<b>Observations:</b>	Residents Dining Resident rooms Staff to resident interactions Resident to resident interactions PPE supplies
<b>Interviews:</b>	Identified resident Nursing staff Residents
<b>Record Reviews:</b>	Medical records Facility policies Personnel files Staff training records

### Investigation Summary:

Based on record review and interview the facility failed to maintain up to date N95 fit testing of staff. Failed practice identified.

### Conclusion / Action:

- ☒ Failed Provider Practice Identified / Citation(s) Written
- ☐ Failed Provider Practice Not Identified / No Citation Written
- ☐ N/A



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You are required to be in compliance at all times with all licensing laws and regulations to maintain your Assisted Living Facility license.

The department completed data collection for an unannounced on-site complaint investigation on 01/16/2024 and 01/29/2024 of:

CHEHALIS WEST RETIREMENT CENTER INC  
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This document references the following complaint number(s): 109312

The following sample was selected for review during the unannounced on-site visit: 3 of 56 current residents and 0 former residents.

The department staff that investigated the Assisted Living Facility:

Maria Salas, ALF Complaint Investigator

From:  
DSHS, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration  
Residential Care Services, Region 3 , Unit E  
800 NE 136th Ave Ste 200  
Vancouver, WA 98684

As a result of the on-site visit(s), the department found that you are not in compliance with the licensing laws and regulations as stated in the cited deficiencies in the enclosed report.

*Cory Cisneros*

Residential Care Services

01/30/2024

Date

I understand that to maintain an Assisted Living Facility license, the facility must be in compliance with all the licensing laws and regulations at all times.

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Administrator (or Representative)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WAC 388-78A-2040 Other requirements.**

(1) The assisted living facility must comply with all other applicable federal, state, county and municipal statutes, rules, codes and ordinances, including without limitations those that prohibit discrimination.

**This requirement was not met as evidenced by:**

Based on record review and interview, the facility failed to ensure up to date employee N95 respirator fit testing was completed for 3 of 3 employees, (Staff A, Staff B, and Staff C). This failure placed all 56 of 56 residents, staff, and visitors at risk of contracting and spreading communicable diseases.

Findings included...

“WAC 296-842-15005 Conduct fit testing.

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- (a) Before employees are assigned duties that may require the use of respirators;
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Review of the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) website titled, “Respiratory Protection Program Guidelines”, dated 07/14/2000, showed, “Fit Testing:

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- 2.Requirements. Fit testing is required for all negative or positive pressure tight-fitting facepiece respirators. The OSHA respiratory protection standard requires that fit testing be performed before an employee first starts wearing a respirator in the work environment, whenever a different respirator facepiece is used, and at least annually thereafter.”

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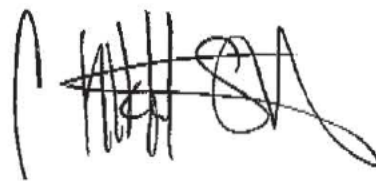
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Record review of facility Respiratory Protection Policy, undated, showed all employees were to be fit tested for selected respirator prior to first use of respirator. Fit testing would be repeated annually, when a different respirator facepieces was chosen, when the wearer had physical changes that would cause facepieces to not fit properly or when notified by employee or medical provider that the fit was unacceptable.

Record review of facility Fit Testing binder, undated, showed Staff A, medication technician, last N95 fit testing was completed on 06/29/2022. Staff C, Director of Nursing, last N95 fit testing was completed on 06/06/2022. Staff B, medication technician, last N95 fit testing was completed on 05/31/2022.

In an interview with Staff C, caregiver, on 01/16/2024 at 12:00pm, Staff C stated that she had been employed with the company for over two years. Staff C stated that it had been well over a year since her last N95 fit testing. Staff C stated that was sometime during the year 2022.

Record review of Resident 1 (R1) Service Plan, dated 03/03/2023, showed R1 admitted to facility on [REDACTED]/2023, with a history of Hypertension (when the pressure in your blood vessels is too high), Congestive Heart Failure (a long-term condition in which your heart can't pump blood well enough to meet your body's needs). R1 was able to speak clearly, understood directions, and was able to make her needs known. R1 had no memory deficits documented and was a good historian.

In an interview with R1 on 01/16/2024 at 12:04pm, R1 stated that she was one of the residents that had COVID during the last facility outbreak. R1 stated that the staff wore personal protection equipment including facial masks when they would come into her apartment while she had been sick with COVID.

Record review of Resident 2 (R2) Service Plan, dated 05/01/2023, showed R2 admitted to the facility on [REDACTED]/2023, with a history of Hypertension and Stage 4 Kidney Disease (kidneys are moderately or severely damaged and are not working as well as they should to filter waste from your blood). R2 was able to speak clearly, understood directions, and was able to make his needs known. R2 had no memory deficits documented and was a good historian.

In an interview with R2 on 01/16/2024 at 12:10pm, R2 stated that he was sick with COVID during the recent outbreak. R2 stated that he had been quarantined to his apartment while he was ill. R2 stated that the staff would wear gowns, face masks, gloves, and glasses when they would enter his room.

In an interview with Staff D, Executive Director, on 01/16/2024 at 12:32pm, Staff D stated that she was responsible making sure all staff were fit tested upon hire and annually. Staff D stated that none of her staff members were up to date with their required annual fit

testing. Staff D stated that the only staff that were up to date were newly hired staff that were no longer with the company. Staff D stated that during the recent COVID outbreak none of the staff caring for the COVID positive residents had fit testing completed within the last year. Staff D stated that the staff caring for the COVID positive residents did wear N94 face masks while providing care to the residents. Staff D stated that she had not kept up with making sure all the staff were fit tested during the year of 2023.

**Plan/Attestation Statement**

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this report and have taken or will take active measures to correct this deficiency. By taking this action, CHEHALIS WEST RETIREMENT CENTER INC is or will be in compliance with this law and / or regulation on (Date)\_\_\_\_\_.

In addition, I will implement a system to monitor and ensure continued compliance with this requirement.

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Administrator (or Representative)

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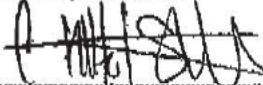
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