

STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES AND PLAN OF CORRECTION	(X1) PROVIDER / SUPPLIER / CLIA IDENTIFICATION NUMBER <b>455536</b>	(X2) MULTIPLE CONSTRUCTION A. BUILDING _____ B. WING _____	(X3) DATE SURVEY COMPLETED <b>07/30/2020</b>
NAME OF PROVIDER OF SUPPLIER <b>AMISTAD NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER</b>		STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP <b>200 RIVERSIDE DR UVALDE, TX 78801</b>	
For information on the nursing home's plan to correct this deficiency, please contact the nursing home or the state survey agency.			
(X4) ID PREFIX TAG	SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES (EACH DEFICIENCY MUST BE PRECEDED BY FULL REGULATORY OR LSC IDENTIFYING INFORMATION)		
F 0880  <b>Level of harm - Minimal harm or potential for actual harm</b>  <b>Residents Affected - Some</b>	<p><b>Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.</b> <b>**NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**</b> Based on observation, interview and record review, the facility failed to maintain an infection prevention and control program designed to provide a safe, sanitary and comfortable environment to help prevent the development and transmission of communicable diseases and infections for 1 of 1 Hot Zone observed for COVID -19 (coronavirus) preparation, in that: Nurse Staff A who worked in the COVID-19 Unit (Hot Zone/ Hall) demonstrated how she used garbage bags as sleeves with a sleeveless gown for two days as additional protection in the COVID-19 Unit. This deficient practice could place residents and nursing staff at risk of transmission of communicable diseases and infections to include COVID-19. The findings included: Observation and interview on 7/29/20 at 11:45 AM of COVID-19 Unit revealed staff wore PPE that included N-95 mask, gowns, face shields, gloves, booties, and cap. Staff Nurse C (staff nurse can be a registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or certified nurse aide) stated, she was not aware of staff using garbage bags as an extension of a gown. She stated the facility had enough PPE. Observation and interview on 7/29/20 at 11:50 AM with Staff Nurse D revealed she wore a mask, gown, gloves, booties, face shield, and cap in the COVID-19 Unit. Staff Nurse D denied any shortage of PPE or that she ever wore a sleeveless gown in the COVID-19 unit. Observation and interview on 7/29/20 at 2 PM with Staff Nurse B revealed she wore a mask, face shield, gloves, gown with sleeves, booties and cap in the COVID-19 Unit. Staff Nurse B stated that on Monday (7/27/20) she called the DON (Director of Nursing) to complain she had to wear garbage bags to protect her arms because the gown was sleeveless. Staff Nurse B stated, Staff Nurse E during shift change on 7/26/20 instructed her on the wearing of garbage bags around the sleeves because, the unit ran low on full gowns. Staff Nurse B stated the issue with sleeveless gowns in the COVID-19 Unit existed for two days (7/26/20 and 7/27/20). During observation and interview on 7/29/20 at 2:15 PM with Staff Nurse A revealed she wore a mask, gown, gloves, booties, face shield, and a cap in the COVID-19 Unit. Staff Nurse stated, for about two days (she) wore garbage bags around her arms because the Unit only had sleeveless gowns. She added, Staff Nurse E told her about putting the garbage bags around her arms as added protection for the sleeveless gown. Staff Nurse A demonstrated to the surveyor how the garbage bags were put on the arms when wearing a sleeveless gown. During interview on 7/29/20 at 3:50 PM with the DON, she stated staff should wear gown (long sleeves), N-95, goggles or face shield, gloves and PRN (as needed) booties and a cap in the COVID-Unit. The DON stated, I did get a call they needed sleeve protectors on Monday night (7/27/20) from Staff Nurse B. I told her where to find the key for the master supply room to get whatever supplies she needed. no one gave permission for staff to work in the COVID-19 Unit with sleeveless gowns; because of the high risk for infection and [MEDICAL CONDITION]. on Tuesday (7/28/20) morning and today (7/29/20) the staff had the correct PPE. and there were no sleeveless gowns present. sleeveless gowns should only be used in the Cold Zone (halls were residents do not have signs or symptoms of the COVID-19 [MEDICAL CONDITION]). this is the first time I heard about the sleeveless gowns in the COVID-19 Unit. During interview on 7/29/20 at 4:15 PM with the Administrator she stated the staff should wear N-95 mask, shield, gown with sleeves, gloves, a cap and booties in the Hot Unit. I was not aware of the sleeveless gown situation until Tuesday 7/28/20 (informed at morning meeting with DON). it is not okay to be sleeveless in a COVID-19 unit for the protection of staff and residents. I do not know how staff got the sleeveless gowns. we have enough gowns with sleeves on hand (80 boxes containing 50 gowns). on Sunday (7/26/20) there were 80 boxes of gowns with sleeves available in the facility. During interview on 7/29/20 at 4:30 PM with Staff Nurse E revealed she worked the Hot Zone (COVID-19) on Monday (7/27/20) and Tuesday (7/28/20). Staff Nurse E stated, she did not tell staff in the COVID-19 Unit to wear garbage bags with sleeveless gowns. Staff Nurse E stated the COVID-19 Unit was running out of gowns with sleeves and she was able to get the COVID-19 Unit re-supplied. Staff Nurse E confirmed there were sleeveless gowns in the COVID unit the past weekend (7/26/20). Staff Nurse E stated, It is unethical to tell staff to wear garbage bags as a sleeve extension with PPE. Record review of facility policy titled, Infection Control, Infection Prevention and Control, dated 3/1/20, read, The facility shall utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) per CDC Guidelines. The policy did not address the issue of using garbage bags as an extension of the sleeveless gown. Record review of facility PPE inventory for the month of July 2020 revealed, on date of incident (7/27/20) there were 1,800 long sleeve gowns and 2,500 short sleeve gowns available in the facility.</p>		
LABORATORY DIRECTOR'S OR PROVIDER/SUPPLIER REPRESENTATIVE'S SIGNATURE	TITLE		(X6) DATE

Any deficiency statement ending with an asterisk (\*) denotes a deficiency which the institution may be excused from correcting providing it is determined that other safeguards provide sufficient protection to the patients. (See instructions.) Except for nursing homes, the findings stated above are disclosable 90 days following the date of survey whether or not a plan of correction is provided. For nursing homes, the above findings and plans of correction are disclosable 14 days following the date these documents are made available to the facility. If deficiencies are cited, an approved plan of correction is requisite to continued program participation.