



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Stephanie Hayden, Director, Austin Public Health

**DATE:** September 28, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **Staff Response to Resolution No. 20200507-059 – Design Institute for Health Report**

On May 7, 2020, Council passed Resolution No. **20200507-059** directing the City Manager to plan and collaborate with the Design Institute for Health, Dell Medical School to analyze, evaluate, and identify approaches for system improvements to protect residents and reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and other long term care facilities.

Over the past months, Austin Public Health and the Long-term Care (LTC) Incident Management Team (IMT) have been working closely with the Dell Medical School Design Institute for Health to identify approaches for system improvements to protect residents and reduce the risks of the spread of COVID-19 in LTC facilities.

Since our last [update](#), Dell Medical School Design Institute for Health has completed the second phase of work. A briefing report to Mayor and Council is scheduled for tomorrow's City Council Work Session. An abbreviated presentation of the report has been distributed to Mayor and Council. Due to the size of the final report, I am unable to attach it to this correspondence, however the Agenda Office will be distributing it.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (512) 972-5010 or via email at [Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Hayden@austintexas.gov)

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