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At approximately 7:10 a.m. this morning, 2 administrative staff at the Wayne County Nursing Home (NH) noticed a large amount of smoke coming from the business office. Administrative staff and maintenance were able to extinguish a fire that involved an electronic device near a desktop computer that had caught fire. The fire suppression system activated and released over 3,000 gallons of water flooding the business office area. The Lyons Fire Department and the Wayne County Sheriff's office responded after the fire had been extinguished by NH staff and maintenance. The non-resident area of the nursing home suffered heavy water damage. A large quantity of water went through the flooring to the basement and damaged computer servers, phone systems and other electronics. Power at the Nursing Home was shut down temporarily until it could be inspected for safety and restored when it was deemed safe to do so. Per the Emergency Operations Plan of the Nursing Home, the resident areas were locked down. No staff or residents were ever in jeopardy. No smoke entered the resident areas. Administrative staff assisted medical personnel in patient care while clean-up efforts were underway.

The Wayne County Information Technology Department is working with NH Administration to set up temporary servers to ensure the Health Records Systems can operate. Wayne County Nursing Home Administrator Jeff Stalker, and Compliance Officer Collyn Algier are managing the mitigation efforts. The NYS Department of Health has also been notified.

Resident family visits were temporarily suspended during the cleanup but have since been opened back up.

Administrative staff will be temporarily relocated into another part of the facility until all remediation efforts are completed.