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GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 LONG-TERM CARE TASK FORCE

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Welcome and Housekeeping Items

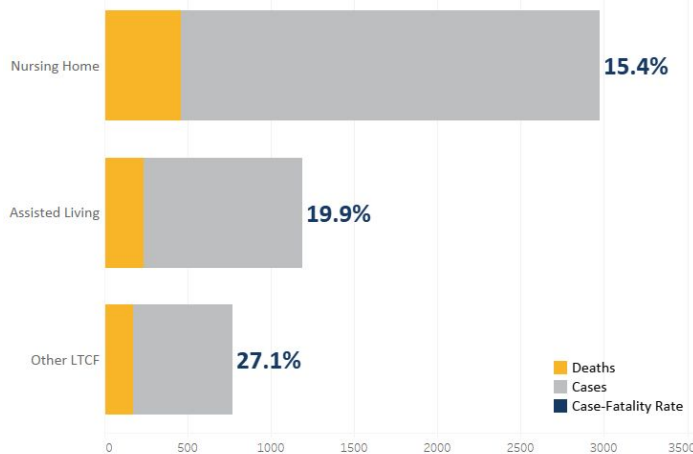
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Overview of Agenda

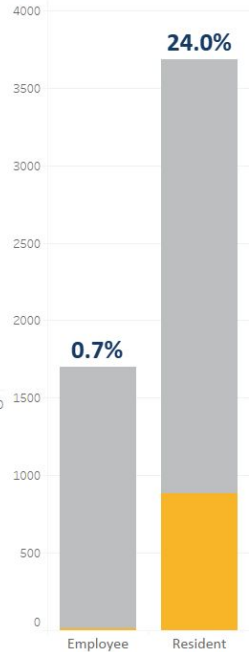
- Data Update
- Testing
- Infection Control
- Discussion
- Next Steps

COVID-19 Outbreaks in Virginia

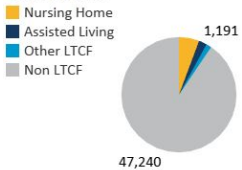
Deaths, Cases, and Case-Fatality Rate in LTCF Outbreaks by Facility Type



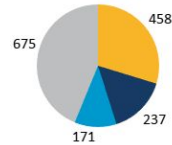
Deaths, Cases, and Case-Fatality Rate in LTCF Employees and Residents



Cases in LTCF Outbreaks, as a Proportion of All Cases



Deaths in LTCF Outbreaks, as a Proportion of All Cases



COVID-19 Nursing Home Data (CMS)

- CMS posted COVID-19 data submitted by nursing homes via the CDC National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- First set of data (through May 31) was posted June 4 at <https://data.cms.gov/Covid19-nursinghome-data>
- The general public can view facility-specific data on COVID-19 confirmed and suspected cases, deaths, etc.
- Information will be updated weekly

COVID-19 Nursing Home Data (CMS)

- VDH data and CMS data are expected to differ
 - Difference in surveillance definitions
- Not all nursing homes reporting in NHSN (<90%)
- As with any new reporting program, some of the data from facilities' early submissions may be inaccurate
- Retrospective reporting before May 1, 2020 is optional, therefore, not all facilities will report their cumulative data from the beginning of the outbreak

PPS Approach

Point Prevalence Surveys: Between 4/21 & 6/7

237 Requests Received:

- 5 On Hold
- 27 Received
- 37 Scheduled
- 1 Specimen Collection
- 18 Testing
- 14 Withdrawn
- 135 Closed

By Setting:

- 84 Long-Term Care Facility
- 27 Correctional Facility
- 9 Other/Meat Processing
- 1 Educational Setting
- 116 Community Testing

Additional Testing Discussion

CMS Reopening Guidance

- Licensed/Certified Nursing Home Guidance
- Assisted Living Facility Guidance

CMS Reopening Guidance: Nursing Homes

CMS Reopening Guidance: Assisted Living Facilities

- No one-size-fits all approach to reopen for visitation
- Each facility should consider its own:
 - Case status
 - Adequacy and availability of:
 - Staffing
 - Testing
 - PPE
 - Prevalence of COVID-19 in surrounding community

CMS Reopening Guidance: Assisted Living Facilities

Best practices:

- Physical distancing
- 100% screening of visitors and staff
- Limit number of visitors as necessary
- Continuous resource monitoring
- Take recommended precautions for:
 - Communal dining and group activities
 - Health support services
 - Personal services

HHS Proposal: Health & Medical Task Force Teams

- Health & Medical Task Force Teams can be requested from HHS to assist with the COVID-19 response in Virginia
 - Teams deployed to Pennsylvania and Maryland
- Virginia proposal submitted to HHS on June 9, 2020
 - Requested 21 teams for a 30 day period. Each team consists of 3 individuals with infection prevention and/or behavioral health expertise.
 - Rationale: VDH recommends all 287 nursing homes conduct an infection prevention and control assessment (IPCA) prior to entering phase II of reopening.
 - Focus: LTCFs with priority placed on SNFs
 - Goal: Acquire dedicated IPCA teams to help facilitate reopening

Funding for IPC Training: Project Firstline

- Conduct learning needs assessment of healthcare workforce
 - Identify training gaps by setting
 - Describe primary spoken and reading languages
 - Characterize literacy levels and age
- Promote awareness and facilitate uptake of training
 - Evaluate opportunities for policy changes
- Conduct and convene trainings for frontline providers
 - Establish remote learning capabilities

Discussion

Next steps