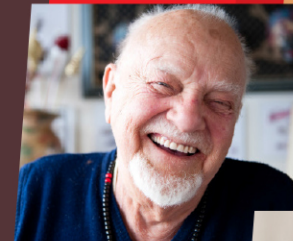


COVID-19 In Nursing Homes: The View from the Trenches

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How Nursing Home COVID-19 Outbreaks Happen

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

■ Virus Entry

1. Visitors
2. New admissions
3. Outside medical appointments
4. Staff

Restricted visitation

Screening, testing, and quarantine

Masks, cohorting, & cleaning

Screening, testing, hygiene, & masks

■ Virus Spread

1. Contaminated surfaces/objects
2. Patient to patient
3. Patient-to-staff-to-patient

Environmental services

Room isolation, masks

Gowns

6 Observations

1. Case Fatality Rate in nursing homes approaches 20%
2. More than half of infected/contagious patients are asymptomatic
3. High risk of outbreaks, despite mitigation strategies
4. Outbreaks can still happen despite outstanding infection control
5. Lack of broad access to accurate, fast testing is costing lives
6. Greatest risk is for debilitated patients and those with dementia

7 Policy Considerations

1. PPE
2. Testing prioritization
3. CARES Act and financial support
4. Quality improvement and litigation
5. Collaboration across the healthcare industry
6. Patchwork of state regulations and support
7. Federal, state, & local reporting