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Promotional Tool Kit: <http://professionals.site.apic.org/iipw/promotional-toolkit/>

Updated CDC Guidance on How COVID-19 is Spread

Yes, transmission can be airborne or droplet! Official now.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-covid-spreads.html>

“COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies and Resources for Crisis Standards of Care in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Facilities”

The COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group -- a partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies – developed “COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies, and Resources for Crisis Standards of Care in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) Facilities.” This document provides PALTC facilities an overview of general considerations, potential strategies, and existing resources that they may use to inform changes to their operations and care processes. It is intended to complement, not replace, existing state and/or local guidance and plans for implementing crisis standards of care

<https://files.asprtracie.hhs.gov/documents/covid-19-considerations-strategies-and-resources-for-crisis-standards-of-care-in-paltec-facilities.pdf>

Characteristics of Health Care Workers Who Died from COVID-19

Health care workers with COVID-19 who died tended to be older, male, Asian, Black, and have an underlying medical condition when compared with health care workers who did not die. Nursing and residential care facilities were the most commonly reported job setting and nursing the most common single occupation type of health care workers with COVID-19.

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6938a3.htm?s_cid=mm6938a3_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM38861&ACSTrackingLabel=This%20Week%20in%20MMWR%20-%20Vol.%2069%2C%20September%2025%2C%202020&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM38861

Coming Soon: New NHSN Pathway for LTC Lab Reporting of COVID-19

CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) will release a new Point of Care (POC) Laboratory Reporting Pathway within the NHSN LTC COVID-19 Module on October 15, 2020. The new Pathway will enable CMS-certified nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities, to meet the Department of Health and Human Services' requirement to report SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care antigen test data, and other on-site COVID-19 laboratory testing data, to appropriate federal and state health authorities. This new NHSN Pathway will provide a single reporting system that nursing homes already use for other mandatory COVID reporting and will meet the requirement to report SARS-CoV-2 point-of-care antigen testing data to state health departments and other appropriate federal authorities.

Using the pathway will require an upgraded NHSN Secure Access Management Service (SAMS) from Level 1 to Level 3. Please be on the lookout for an email invitation from CDC to perform this upgrade.

AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network

The National Nursing Home COVID Action Network – a partnership between the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the University of New Mexico's ECHO Institute and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) – was established to provide free training and mentorship to nursing homes across the country to increase the implementation of evidence-based infection prevention and safety practices to protect residents and staff. Click on this link for more information and to sign up for the program: <https://www.ahrq.gov/nursing-home/index.html>

Nursing Home Visitation

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh.pdf>

COVID-19 Cases are Rising

Cases are going up quickly and many are due to the fact that people have COVID fatigue and are going to events such as big parties, family events and so forth....and not wearing their masks. Please educate your staff on the importance of prevention of COVID outside of work.

Thanks for all you do!!

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