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COVID in LTC: Impact on Residents, Vaccinations, & Hope



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Resident Impacts

- Anxiety, fear
- Daily calls for 10 months with residents/family crying
- Knowledge that primary vector is their caregivers
- Threats of quarantine (even if leaving for medical appt)
- Residents declining in memory care without family connection
- Residents moved from room to room due to (necessary) COVID co-horting (despite fully furnished, decorated rooms)
- Resident incorrectly told couldn't leave building, now that resident is in a coma and family can't communicate



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Resident Neglect

- Teeth extractions from lack of needed care
- Decubitis ulcers discovered at hospital
- No bathing provided for weeks
- Dehydration and significant weight loss
- No housekeeping/cleaning for weeks
- Bed wet for hours / residents presented in soiled conditions
- Endless reports of short staffing leading to poor care
- Endless reports of no or inadequate PPE use by caregivers



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COVID in LTC

Early January

- 81% (556 of 685) congregate care settings have experienced at least one COVID-positive case
- 11% of AFHs (145 of 1,318) have or have had a positive
- 799 COVID deaths in licensed NF/ALF/RCFs (as of 1/6)



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Early January

- On January 6th:
 - 27 facilities with active outbreak of 50 or more cases
 - 88 facilities with active outbreak of 20 or more cases
 - 126 facilities with active outbreak of 10 or more cases
- Deaths more than doubled from Nov. 12 (387) to Jan. 6 (799)

*As of 10/21/2020



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Vaccinations

- Progressing relatively well in congregate care facilities
 - Though report this weekend that one facility had their clinic rescheduled; pharmacy reportedly stated they were re-directed to vaccination clinic for educators
- Adult Foster Homes (AFHs)
 - New plan last week
 - Rural vs. Urban?: rural counties appear to be coordinating better with the AFHs (a volume issue?)
- LTCO volunteer Ombudsmen deemed Phase 1a group & are receiving vaccines with goal of returning to regular facility visits



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Questions?