Reopening Nursing Homes

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CMS Reopening Guidance

- CMS memo QSO-20-30-NH
- Recommendations to state/local health officials
- Must be adopted at state level
Moving Through Phases

- 3 options:
  - All nursing homes at once
  - All nursing homes in a region
  - Each nursing home moves individually

Factors to Consider

- Community case status
- Facility case status
- Testing
- PPE
- Staffing
- Universal source control
- Hospital capacity
Additional Considerations

- Tracks White House Guidelines: Opening Up America Again
- Initial baseline testing prior to reopening
- Remain “significant mitigation” through community phase 1
- Survey NHs with significant outbreaks prior to reopening
- New NH-onset case: return to significant mitigation

Testing

- Initial Baseline Test
  - all staff
  - all residents

- Staff Retest
  - weekly

- Resident Retest
  - symptoms, COVID+
  - weekly until all negative
Current State: Significant Mitigation

- Restrictions on visitors, communal dining, group activities
- Medically-necessary appointments
- Essential HCP only
- Screening and Testing
- Universal Source Control
- PPE

- IJ complaints/FRIs, revisits
- Infection Control surveys
- Initial certification
- State-based priorities

Phase 2

- Limited non-essential HCP
- Group activities

- G-level complaints/FRIs

- Priorities:
  - Abuse/Neglect
  - Infection Control (notification)
  - Transfer/Discharge
  - Staffing/Competency
  - Quality of Care
Phase 3

- Visitation
- Non-essential HCP
- Group Activities

- Normal survey activity resumes

- Priorities:
  - Significant COVID+
  - SFF
  - SFF candidates
  - Overdue with history G-level

New Normal

- Universal Source Control
- Testing
- Screening
- Cohorting
- PPE
- Activity/Operations Parameters
Where Do We Go From Here?

COVID-19 Reporting

- Interim Final Rule May 8
- First reporting:
  - Families – 5pm May 9
  - CDC – 11:59pm May 17
- Public reporting May 31(?)
- Issues: enrollment, reporting, resident/family access
LeadingAge Resources

- LeadingAge state affiliate
- LeadingAge COVID-19 page
  - https://leadingage.org/covid19
- LeadingAge Learning Hub
  - https://learninghub.leadingage.org/
- LeadingAge Member Community
  - https://www.leadingage.org/member-community

Questions

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