

# The Role of the CNA during COVID-19

## Cohort 7 Session 10

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1:30 pm

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# Today's Agenda

Follow-up – Vaccine Clinic Check In

The Role of the CNA during COVID 19

Case Study Discussion

Performance Improvement Discussion

Wrap-up and Poll

Questions & Answers

# Vaccine Clinic Check In

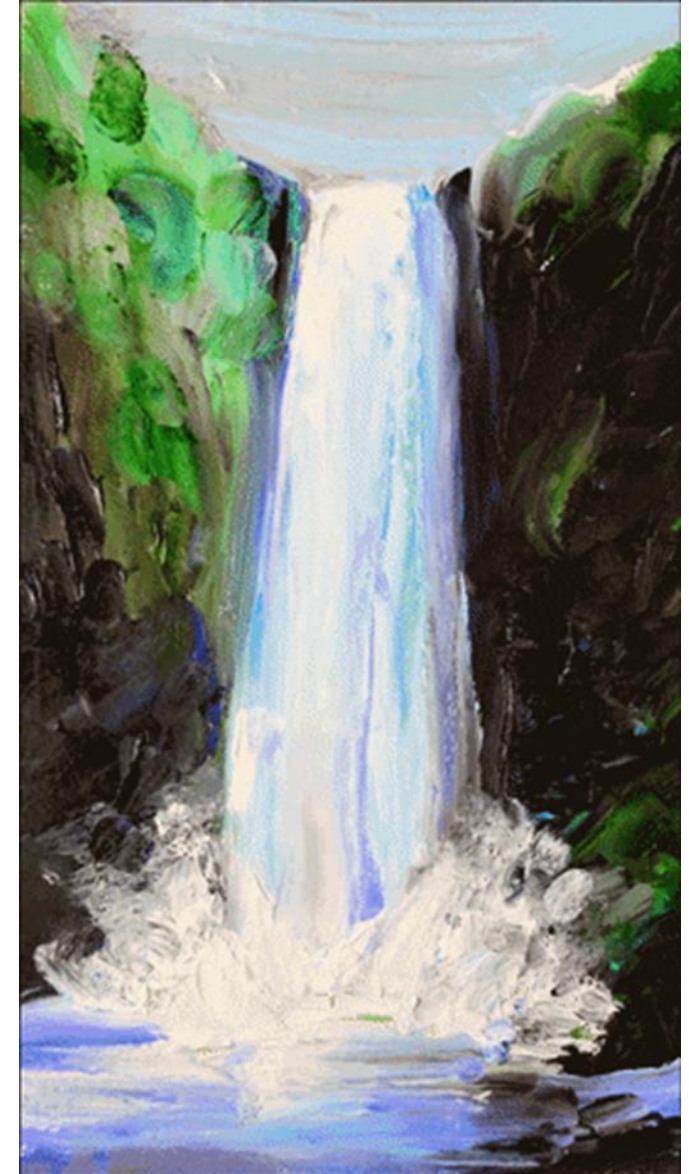


# The Role of CNAs During COVID 19



# Chat Waterfall

- We will ask you **two questions** about how we might leverage the expertise of CNAs in COVID 19 efforts
- Rapid generation of ideas
- Everyone participates
- Captures “wisdom of crowd”



# Last Name Between A-K

- Type your response to the question below
- Respond “Everyone”
- Wait until I count you down (DO NOT HIT SEND UNTIL I TELL YOU TO!)
- Here is the question:
  - **What are the biggest challenges CNAs face during COVID -19?**
- 3-2-1 BEGIN

# Last Name Between L-Z

- Type your response to the question below
- Respond “Everyone”
- Wait until I count you down (DO NOT HIT SEND UNTIL I TELL YOU TO)
- Here is the question:
  - **How might we respond the challenges just described?**
- 3-2-1 BEGIN

# Role of the CNA during COVID-19: Challenges

- CNA shortages are magnified
- CNAs take on new responsibilities
  - Isolation requires CNAs to deliver food at mealtimes
  - Do the resident's laundry
  - Disinfect every room
- Keep residents feeling safe and secure (with less physical contact and more physical barriers)
- Try to keep residents connected to family and community (with more technology and less time)



# What CNAs say they need...

- Include CNAs as an essential team member in care plan meetings, daily huddles, and with clinical and regulatory updates about COVID
- Realize that being a CNA is the REAL and valued profession
- Communicate to CNAs to allay fear and build a culture of trust
- Invest in CNAs
  - Provide growth opportunities and education beyond mandatory in-services
  - Beyond compliance, their profession, their development, their skills

# Case Study

Doreen has been a CNA in your center for three years. She has been working on the COVID 19 positive unit for the last couple of months and has helped orient all CNAs who are new to the unit.

At the end of her shift yesterday, Doreen reported that she had noticed that several staff members on the unit were not using proper hand hygiene practice. She thinks this is occurring because CNAs and nurses are both doing tasks they don't usually do. She has some thoughts on how this problem can be fixed.

- How can the Unit Manager empower Doreen to help resolve this problem?
- What are some potential barriers that Doreen might encounter?

# Case Study (con't)

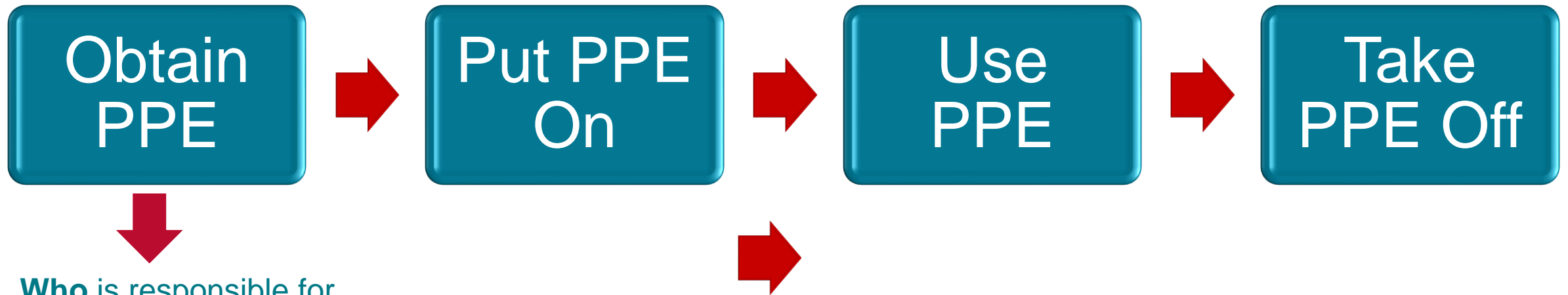
How do YOU, as the facility's senior leaders, (i.e. Administrator or DON) ensure the Unit Manager accomplishes what you have identified and/or reduced the barriers that Doreen may be encountering?

# Leveraging CNAs to Improve Infection Control

- How can you ensure that CNAs are part of ongoing training and updates on Infection Control practices?
- What are some ways in which CNAs can contribute to Infection Control audits and process improvement?
- What are examples of processes that support CNA communication about a change in resident condition or about what matters most to the resident?

# Let's design a process!

# 4 Box Flow Diagram (for Proper PPE use)



**Who** is responsible for enough equipment.  
**Where** is the equipment stored.  
**When** is the equipment inventory done.  
**How** is the equipment supply verified.  
**What** is done when something is missing.

# Breakout rooms

- 10 minutes
- Describe what you are designing in 2-5 words
- Create high level flow diagram of chief components
- Choose one component to define attributes:
  - Who – What – When – Where – How

## Choose your area of interest

Trauma/Isolation

Falls

Infection Control

Wounds

# Report out

- How did it go?



# Segmentation

How to make your improvement life easier

# Segmentation—or how to eat the elephant one bite at a time

- Segmentation—trying out your test of change under the most favorable conditions
- Early, easy wins help build momentum—celebrate them!
- Allows you to learn and build confidence in the change before testing in difficult areas
- Different segments will yield different results = accelerated learning

# Segmentation examples

- Day shift vs. weekend or night shift
- Staff eager to try something new vs. the more reluctant
- Better staff unit vs. unit with staffing shortage

# Leave in action

- Which segment do you choose for your first tests?

# Next week

- Our first small test of change

# What to expect next...

Next Session: February 12, 2021 at 9:30 am

## Topic

- Session 11: Interprofessional Team Management of Mild Cases of COVID-19

Send in your facility's best practices/challenges to Brenda Chen at [bchen@maseniorcare.org](mailto:bchen@maseniorcare.org)

# Wrap Up and Poll

- Please watch your screen and respond to our 2 poll questions as they launch

# Questions?

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