

What's Next For Nursing Facilities and How To Prepare

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Today's Agenda

Follow Up; Promoting Solutions for Making the Built Environment Safer During COVID-19 and Vaccine Clinics

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Case Study

Performance Improvement Discussion

Wrap-up and Poll

Questions & Answers

Follow-up on Promoting Solutions for Making the Built Environment Safer



Vaccine Clinic Follow Up

- Vaccine Clinic 3 Follow Up
 - Strategies to help staff get second Pfizer vaccination

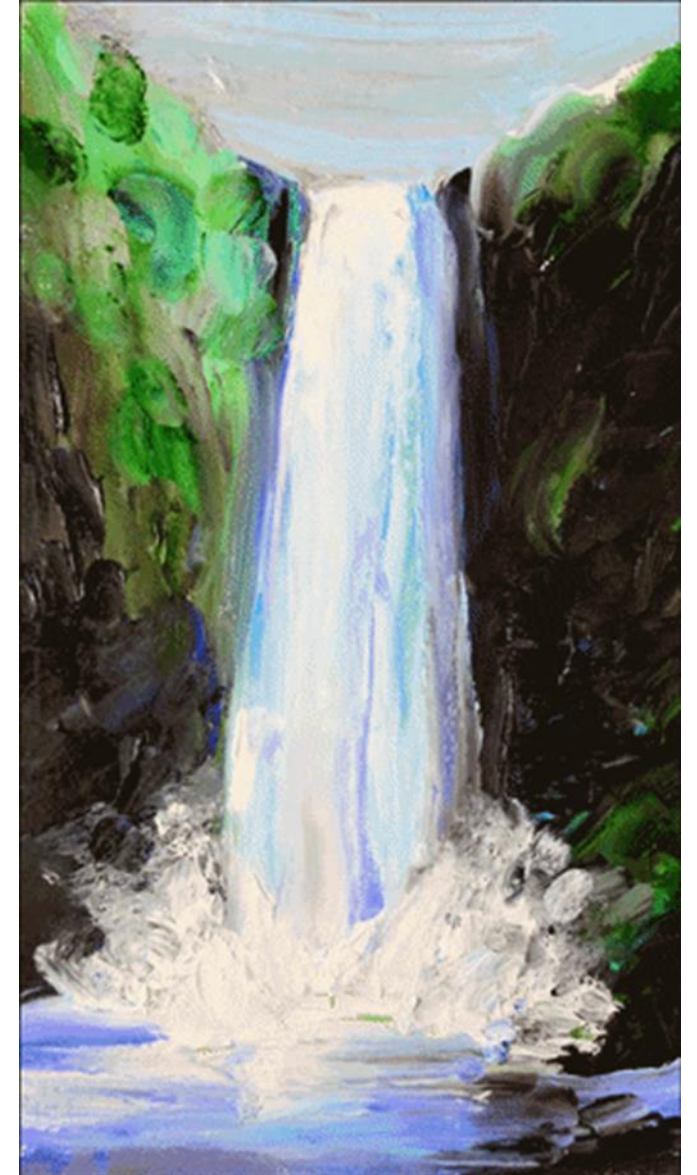
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Chat Waterfall

- We will ask you **two questions** what is next and how to prepare
- Don't hit send until I count you down!



Last Name Between A-K

- Type your response to the question below
- Respond “Everyone”
- **DO NOT HIT SEND UNTIL I TELL YOU TO!**
- Here is the question:
 - **What three aspects of operations do you hope will be different in the year ahead?**
- 3-2-1 BEGIN

Last name between L-Z

- Type your response to the question below
- Respond “Everyone”
- **DO NOT HIT SEND UNTIL I TELL YOU TO!**
- Here is the question:
 - **What is the most important thing that your facility needs to do to prepare for what comes next?**
- 3-2-1 BEGIN

Any Volunteers?



- Who Is Leading the Planning Effort?
- Who Else is Involved?

Comprehensive Step By Step Planning Tool

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Preparedness Checklist for Nursing Homes and other Long-Term Care Settings



Nursing homes and other long-term care facilities can take steps to assess and improve their preparedness for responding to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Each facility will need to adapt this checklist to meet its needs and circumstances based on differences among facilities (e.g., patient/resident characteristics, facility size, scope of services, hospital affiliation). This checklist should be used as one tool in developing a comprehensive COVID-19 response plan. Additional information can be found at www.cdc.gov/COVID-19. Information from state, local, tribal, and territorial health departments, emergency management agencies/authorities, and trade organizations should be incorporated into the facility's COVID-19 plan. Comprehensive COVID-19 planning can also help facilities plan for other emergency situations.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/novel-coronavirus-2019-Nursing-Homes-Preparedness-Checklist_3_13.pdf

COVID Resurgence Plan Components

Component	Example
1. Structure for Planning and Decision Making	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-A multidisciplinary planning committee or team-Specific individuals assigned responsibility
2. Development of a Written COVID Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Includes relevant sections of federal, state, regional, or local plans for COVID-19 ----Identifies the person(s) authorized to implement the plan and the organizational structure that will be used.
3. General	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-System to monitor for the development of COVID-19 among residents and healthcare personnel (HCP) in the facility. Information from this monitoring system is used to implement prevention interventions (e.g., isolation, cohorting)
4. Facility Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-External-public health points of contact during a COVID-19 outbreak-Internal-staff, residents, and families
5. Supplies and Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Hand sanitizer, signage, PPE, EPA registered disinfectants-Contingency plan that includes engaging their health department when supply shortage

COVID Resurgence Plan Components

Component	Example
6. Identification and Management of Ill Residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Symptom recognition and management-Cohorting, hold on communal dining, activities-Notification of public health department
7. Considerations about Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Criteria and protocol for when visits will be allowed-Process for virtual visits
8. Occupational Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-SCREENING staff and resident-Non punitive sick leave
9. Education and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Education and training for staff, residents and family-Individual(s) responsible for providing training
10. Surge Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-A contingency staffing plan has been developed-Includes strategies for collaborating with local and regional planning and response groups

Use for Planning and Real Time

1. Structure for planning and decision making

- COVID-19 has been incorporated into emergency management planning for the facility.
- A multidisciplinary planning committee or team* has been created to specifically address COVID-19 preparedness planning.

List committee's or team's name:

**An existing emergency or disaster preparedness team may be assigned this responsibility.*

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Nursing Home Incident Command

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Nursing Home Incident Command

What is NHIC?

- A scalable system to manage events - big or small; planned or unplanned and events of any type including a pandemic!

What are the Benefits of NHIC?

- Everyone gets a role in Incident Command Structure and has a clear line of authority that they fit within.
- It allows for a process that can be super-imposed on every event – full facility evacuation, a missing resident, a DPH survey and even a pandemic!
- Avoids duplication of efforts and accountability.

Nursing Home Incident Command

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM



Nursing Home Incident Command

NURSING HOME INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM



ATTACHMENT C NURSING HOME INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM POSITION CROSS WALK

NHICS POSITION	NURSING HOME POSITION
Incident Commander	Administrator
Medical Director/Specialist	Medical Director/Nurse Consultant
Public Information Officer	Media Relations/Administrator
Liaison Officer	Assistant Administrator
Safety Officer	Maintenance
Operations Section Chief	Director of Nursing
Resident Services Branch Director	Director of Staff Development
Nursing Unit Leader	Charge Nurse
Psychosocial Unit Leader	Activities Director
Admit/Transfer & Discharge Unit Leader	Charge Nurse or Rehab Director
Infrastructure Branch Director	Housekeeping supervisor
Dietary Unit Leader	Cook

Time to Review and Revise COOP Plan

A Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) provides policy and guidance to ensure the execution of essential functions if an organization's operations is/are threatened.

Many of components that are included in your COOP plan may also be included in a COVID-19 resurgence plan:

- Incident Command Structure – may be different people for a COVID-19 resurgence plan
- Documentation – daily incident command agendas, meeting minutes, leadership briefing, floor plans for isolation & cohorting; PPE dashboards
- Staffing Plans – include staffing & HPPD dashboard
- Communications – staff, family, multiple mediums

Discussion

- What should be included in a Resurgence Plan?
- What has your nursing facility already developed?

Case Study

- I think the biggest challenge we are facing is to keep COVID out of the facilities in the future.
- Especially where we are not certain how long the vaccine works.
- Another major concern is making sure that all residents and staff will take the Vaccine.
- Our Facility was very effective with staff participation but I have heard of other facilities who were not.
- I believe that close to 90% of our staff and 96 % of residents initially took the vaccine.
- But what about in the future? Both newly admitted resident and new staff members have not had the opportunity to receive the vaccine.
- The challenge will be to have them take the vaccine as soon as possible so that the infection numbers can continue to decline.
- This is going to be a continuous challenge and I am not sure what else can be done without continuing to wear PPE and isolation

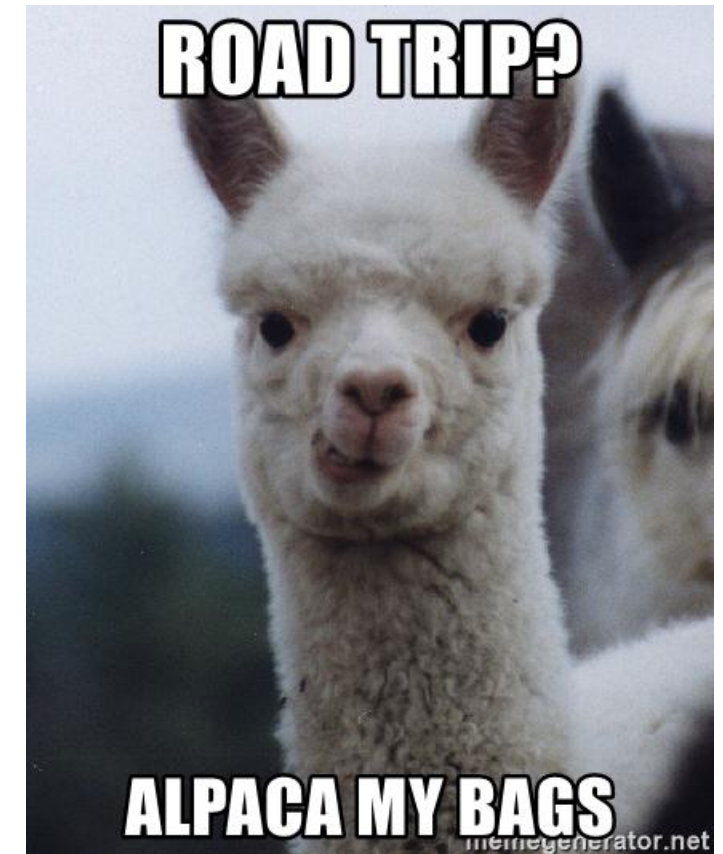
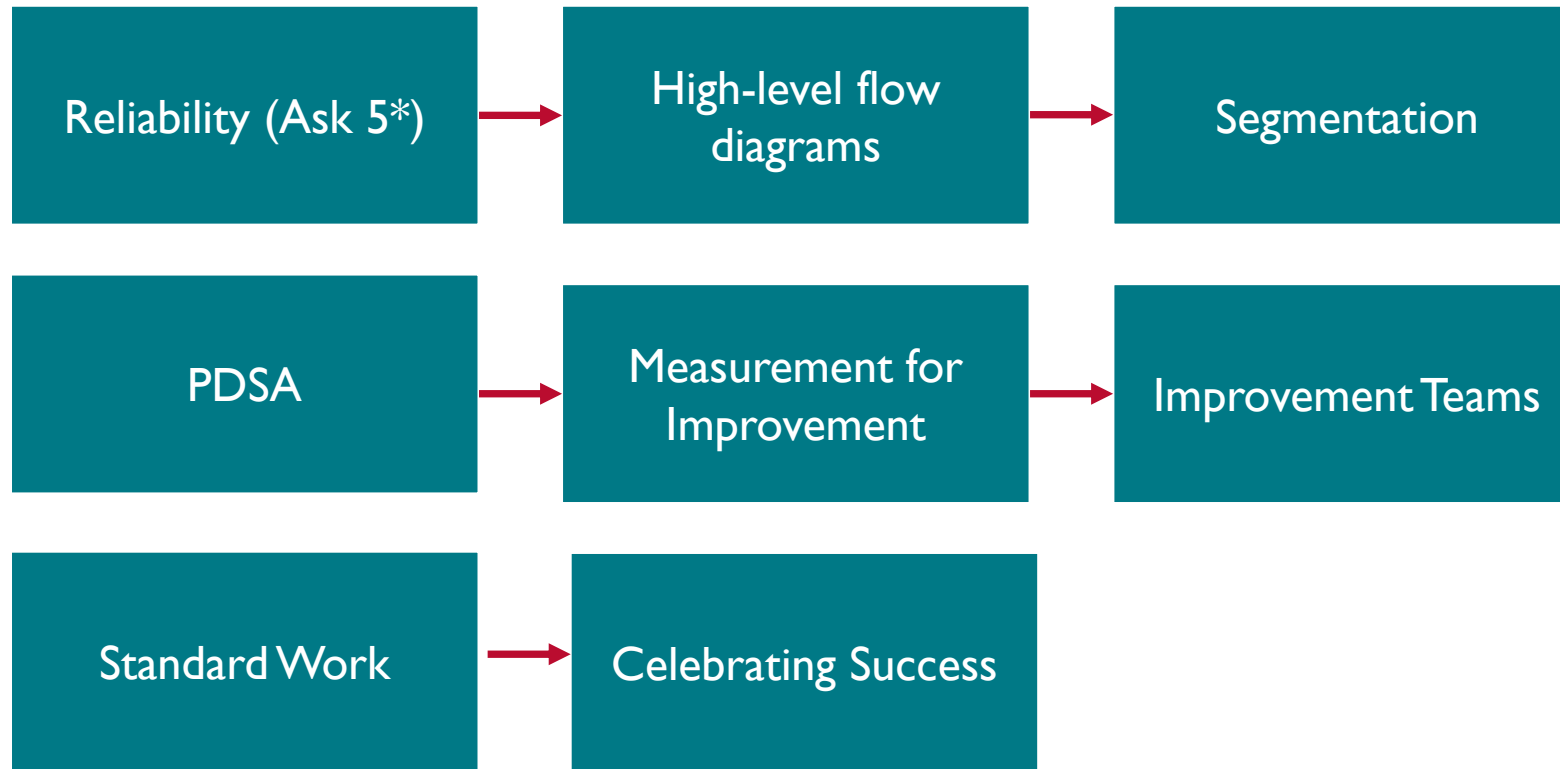
Performance Improvement: Celebration

Martha Hayward, IHI

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The QI Journey



Ask 5: Who, When, Where, How, What

Mike Evans: Quality Improvement in Healthcare

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jq52ZjMzqyl>

Celebration chat waterfall

- Type your response to the question below
- Respond “Everyone”
- **DO NOT HIT SEND UNTIL I TELL YOU TO!**
- Here is the question:
 - Share a win that’s worthy of a celebration
- 3-2-1 BEGIN

Celebration discussion

- How do you recognize staff for their QI success?
- How do you share success stories within your facility?
- How do you share success stories with your community?
- What are the benefits of celebrating success?



What to expect next...



Next Session: **March 19, 2021**

Topic:

- Session 16: Supporting The Emotional Well Being of Staff Caring for Residents During COVID 19
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Questions?

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