

# COVID-19 in LTCF: Keeping it out & keeping it together

May 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm ET/ 1pm CT

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**We will get started shortly!**

# CMS Aims

## Behavioral Health Outcomes and Opioid Misuse



- Promote opioid best practices
- Decrease high dose opioid prescribing and opioid adverse events in all settings
- Increase access to behavioral health services

## Patient Safety



- Reduce risky medication combinations
- Reduce adverse drug events
- Reduce C. difficile in all settings

## Chronic Disease Self-Management



- Increase performance on ABCS clinical quality measures (i.e. aspirin use, blood pressure control, cholesterol management, cardiac rehab)
- Smoking cessation
- Identify patients at high-risk for developing kidney disease and improve outcomes
- Identify patients at high risk for diabetes –related complications and improve outcomes

## Quality of Care Transitions



- Convene community coalitions
- Identify and promote optimal care for superutilizers
- Reduce community-based adverse drug events

## Nursing Home Quality



- Improve the mean total quality score
- Develop national baselines for healthcare related infections in nursing homes
- Reduce emergency department visits and readmissions of short stay residents



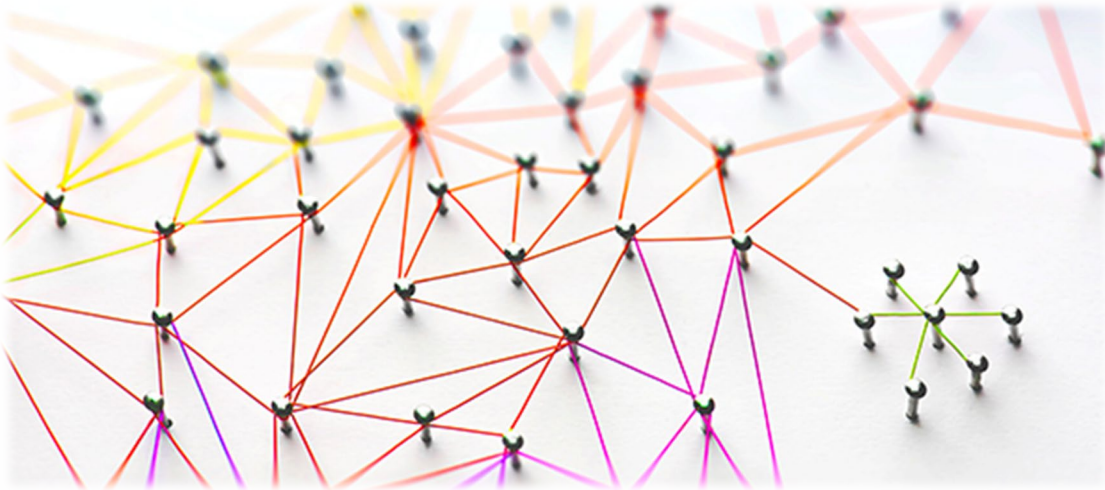
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# Objectives

- By the end of this session, you will be able to:
  - The learner will be able to describe methods for DPH LTCF outreach
  - The learner will be able to describe additional COVID-19 resources which can enhance infection prevention efforts.

# Personal Connections



- What is your role at your facility?

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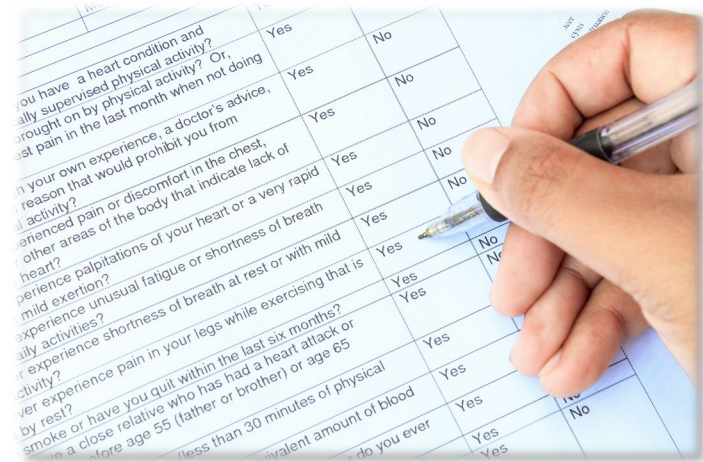


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# Department of Public Health (DPH) LTCF activities

- Infection Control Assessment and Readiness Surveys
  - LTCF with no identified COVID-19
- Infection Prevention and Control Response Surveys
  - LTCF with COVID-19 staff or residents



# Communications

- Letter from Commissioner Toomey
- Transfer communication
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/pdfs/toolkits/Interfacility-IC-Transfer-Form-508.pdf>
- LTCF ABHR Memo and FAQ- coming soon



# Recent CDC releases



- LTCF Mini webinars
  - *Sparkling Surfaces* - <https://youtu.be/t7OH8ORr5lg>
  - *Clean Hands* - <https://youtu.be/xmYMUly7qiE>
  - *Closely Monitor Residents* - <https://youtu.be/1ZbT1Njv6xA>
  - *Keep COVID-19 Out!* <https://youtu.be/7srwrF9MGdw>
  - *PPE Lessons* - <https://youtu.be/YYTATw9yav4>
- Creating a COVID-19 unit: [Responding to Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Testing for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in Nursing Homes](#)

# Questions



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# Program Directors



# Upcoming Events

## Nursing Homes

Tuesdays, 2pm ET/1pm CT

## Community Coalitions

Thursdays, 12:30 pm ET/11:30am CT

June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Assessing and Reducing Opioid Prescribing in Long Term Care	May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Community Based Approach for Super Utilizers of Care
July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020: Managing Behavioral Challenges In Long Term Care to Prevent Hospitalization	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Partnering Across the Healthcare Continuum for the Complex Chronic Care Population
August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Initiating an Effective Medication Reconciliation Program	July 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Population Health Assessments: Identifying Hidden Risks
September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: High risk medication use and quality practices to prevent ADE	August 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Using SBIRT for Effective Screening and Referral to Treatment
October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Understanding and using QAPI elements in day to day care processes	September 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2020: Opioid Use in the Aging Population

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