

COVID-19 Question and Answer Session for Long-Term Care and Congregate Residential Settings

July 9th, 2021

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Agenda

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- 2021 Illinois Summit on Antimicrobial Stewardship
- COVID-19 Long-Term Care Data
- OSHA ETS Review
- COVID Variants
- Case Studies
- Open Q & A

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ILLINOIS SUMMIT ON ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP Tuesday, July 13, 2021 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

View agenda here: <u>https://ve.attendify.com/i</u> <u>ndex/qlva0o/s_qlva0o/</u> Registration Open: <u>https://attendify.co/illinois-summit-on-</u> <u>antimicrobial-stewardship-aWzjvdU</u>

Illinois COVID-19 Long-Term Care Data

OVID-19 Home	COVID-19 Long-Term Care Data					
uitiance +	The illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recognized the patential for long-term care facilities (LTC) to be heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the					
Inois Data -	pandemic. As soon as the first tex-cases of COVID-19 were identified in the state, the department issued LTC guidance, resticted visitors, canceled group activities and implemented screening of staff and residents for literas. Weekly COVID-19 infection and prevention educational sessions for LTC administrators and staff began on March 9, 2020, in conserviction with Governme J.B. Prizter's Disaster Proclamation.					
Statewide Metrics						
Regional COVID-19 Metrics	The first case of COVID-19 in an Illinois UTC facility was diagnosed on March 11, and a large outbreak ensued. A joint investigation with IDPH, DuPage					
Contact Tracing -	County Health Department, the University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Medicine, Illinois Enrorgency Management Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Rush University Medical Center, confirmed that unrecognized asymptomatic spread of the virus had contributed to the outbreak.					
Contact Tracing Data	This <u>Ending was published in June 2020</u> adding to the national discussion on appropriate COMD-19 control measures for LTC facilities.					
Outbreak Locations						
Potential Exposure Location	During the weeks that followed this first outbreak, the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths surged in the community and at LTC tacilities, peaking in Nay. The IDPH LTC response focused on increasing testing capacity, providing personal protective equipment, and working with facilities and local health					
School Outbreaks	departments to ensure that the core principals of infection prevention were put into practice. IDPH contracted with healthcare organizations to perform LTC infection prevention evaluations and COVID-19 testing. Emergency Rules were insued requiring LTC facilities to perform testing during outbreak					
Schools Potential Exposures	end of May 2020.					
County Level Risk Netrics -	By summer 2020, the number of cases had decreased substantially. Anticipating that there would likely be another surge in cases, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services sent newly developed point-of-care antigen tests to LTC facilities across the nation. IDPH ensured that all LTC facilities had					
County & School Metrics	adequate supplies of the tests and, following the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services lead, required routine testing of all staff. When a second wave of COVID-19 cases hit filmois in the fall, this LTC staff testing helped to identify infected asymptomatic individuals who could madvertently spread the virus to residents and co-workers.					
Hospitalization Utilization	After months of intense effort, COVID-19 vaccinations became available in December 2009, and CDC launched a massive national program to vaccinate the					
Syndromic Surveillance	residents and staff of all LIC facilities in the United States. In Binos 49% of all deaths from COVID-19 have been in LIC, and accilities were urged to					
LTC Data	participate in the program. Nearly 1505 LTC facilities, 99% of the total number licensed in the state, were enrolled. IDFH worked together with Walgineera,					
LTC Facility Outbreaks	CVS and PharmScript to hold three vaccination clinics at each facility over a three-month period, 4500 clinic sessions in total. In March 2021, with COVID-19					
Data Portal	cases in decline, and evidence of the effectiveness of vaccinations, IDPH released LTC guidance for the safe resumption of visitation and activities.					
Testing Statistics	Data Updated: 17/2021					
Terenal Data						

LTC Facility Share of Total COVID-19 Cases



Additional Data

Increases in LTC COVID-19 cases are directly related to the amount of virus circulating in the community. However, the dramatic increase in community COVID-19 cases during the 2nd wave in November/December 2020 did not result in a proportionate increase in LTC cases, likely due to the many control measures that had been put in place since the spring.



LTC Facility COVID-19 Cases





LTC Administered COVID-19 Vaccinations, December 2020-April 2021



*Only includes vaccinations administered through Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program (PPP), which ended in April 2021. Graph will no longer be updated.



CDC's new LTC vaccination dashboard

COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage and Reporting among Residents in Nursing Homes, by Week - United States



Data are not displayed if less than 5 facilities reported in a state during the time period of interest. All data can be modified from week-to-week by facilities. **Exclusions:** For best epidemiological understanding, data that appear inconsistent with surveillance protocols are excluded. Vaccination coverage is calculated as the total number of residents vaccinated divided by (the total number of residents minus the number of residents with medical contraindications or exclusions to vaccination) multiplied by 100. Differences in how each facility implements this COVID-19 vaccination data collection, including variation in which staff collect the data, may affect facility reporting patterns. **Definitions: Partial vaccination:** 1 dose of vaccination series. **Complete vaccination**: All doses required for vaccination

Data source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Healthcare Safety Network

For more information: https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac/index.html

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NHSN VACCINE MODULE – DATA QUALITY

- CMS Interim Final Rule for CMS-certified SNFs requires weekly reporting in the staff and resident vaccination module, even if no vaccine clinic has taken place.
- Some facilities have been having issues with their entries in NHSN not saving. I would recommend double checking after your weekly entry and watch for any error messages.
- Definition of Vaccine Module Question #1
 - Total number of residents occupying a bed at this facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection.
 - All healthcare personnel who were eligible to work at the facility for at least 1 day during the week of data collection.
- Definition of Vaccine Module Question #2
 - Of residents and staff in question #1, how many of those individuals have ever received a COVID-19 vaccine at this facility or elsewhere since December 2020.
 - Answer this question using a blank slate each week. Do not enter 0 unless no resident or staff members at the facility have ever received a vaccine.

CMS website – facility-level vaccination data

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- All Facility Vaccination Rates
- 75% or More Staff Vaccinated

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Evidence is Evolving

- Vaccines work
- Ventilation works
- Masks work as both source control and PPE
- Outdoor activities have the lowest risk of transmission
- Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 risk is greater if you are not vaccinated
- Modifications of the guidance are coming



OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard: Additional Information

- Compliance with most regulations: July 6, 2021
- Compliance with training, ventilation, and physical barriers: July 21, 2021



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Efficacy of Portable Air Cleaners and Masking for Reducing Indoor Exposure to Simulated Exhaled SARS-CoV-2 Aerosols — United States, 2021

Summary

What is already known about this topic?

Ventilation systems can be supplemented with portable high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) cleaners to reduce the number of airborne infectious particles.

What is added by this report?

A simulated infected meeting participant who was exhaling aerosols was placed in a room with two simulated uninfected participants and a simulated uninfected speaker. Using two HEPA air cleaners close to the aerosol source reduced the aerosol exposure of the uninfected participants and speaker by up to 65%. A combination of HEPA air cleaners and universal masking reduced exposure by up to 90%.

What are the implications for public health practice?

Portable HEPA air cleaners can reduce exposure to simulated SARS-CoV-2 aerosols in indoor environments, especially when combined with universal masking. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7027e1.htm?s_cid=mm7027e1_w</u>



NIOSH-approved N95s: Check the List

- *"Today, the FDA is taking additional action"* by announcing the revocation of EUAs for *imported, non-NIOSH-approved respirators* as well as decontamination and bioburden reduction systems because of an increase in domestically-manufactured NIOSH-approved N95s available throughout the country. As access to domestic supply of disposable respirators continues to significantly improve, health care organizations should transition away from crisis capacity conservation strategies that were implemented at the onset of the pandemic."
- No K-95s, Some KN-95s are still acceptable

FDA IN BRIEF

FDA In Brief: FDA Revokes Emergency Use Authorizations for Certain Respirators and Decontamination Systems as Access to N95s Increases Nationwide

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For information about Coronavirus Disease 2019, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019- ncov/index.html.							



OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) : Additional Information

- Is the expectation that outpatient ambulatory clinics each have a respiratory protection program and N95s available if they are performing COVID-19 testing?
- Yes



OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS): Additional Information

- If a patient comes into an outpatient ambulatory clinic and subsequently tests positive, do all employees in the clinic need to be notified if they did not have full COVID PPE (i.e., respirator, face shield, gown, and gloves)? If the employee is fully vaccinated, does notification still need to take place?
- Yes,
- Notifications should take place for all individuals that did not have full COVID PPE in a welldefined area if a COVID positive individual was in that space.
- Notification does not necessarily equate to exposure, the close contact definition would still need to be met.
- Recommended facilities make notifications in writing (although not strictly required) because it will protect the employer and provide proof of notification if they are surveyed by OSHA. Postings may be used for notification, but they don't provide the protection that an employee has seen it.
- Vaccinated individuals would have to be notified.

Thank you: Shane Zelencik, CDPH and Bogdan Catalin PhD MSc OSHA Region 5



OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS): Additional Information

- Do face shields need to meet ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 standards or does the "usually" in the sentence allow other types of face shields as long as they cover the face and wrap around the sides of the face?
- **No,** the ANSI/ISEA Z87.1 standard has impact (i.e., physical impacts from flying debris, etc.) requirements that would not apply to protection from respiratory droplets. The face shield must cover the entire face, especially mucus membranes, from temple to temple and to the chin.



Metro East, West Central, and Southern regions

Where COVID-19 case rates are rising

The average daily rate of new cases per 100,000 residents is climbing in three downstate regions. (The Chicago region is marked in red; suburban regions in green.)



Chart: Joe Mahr • Source: Tribune analysis of IDPH data • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

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CDC: Delta variant now 50% of US COVID-19 cases

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By the end of the month, the Delta (B1617.2) variant will likely become an even more dominant strain of SARS-CoV-2 in the United States, as the more transmissible variant now accounts for 51.7% of all new COVID-19 cases in the country, CNN reports. The Alpha (B117) variant now accounts for 28.7% of cases.

The variant, first identified in India, has swept across the globe and caused delayed reopening throughout the United Kingdom.

The United States reported 23,839 new COVID-19 cases yesterday, and 338 deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins COVID-19 tracker. In total, the country has the most confirmed cases and deaths in the world, with 33,758,758 recorded infections, and 606,121 fatalities.



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Alpha (B.1.1.7 UK), Beta (B.1.351 South Africa), Gamma (P.1 Japan/Brazil), Delta (B.1.617.2 India) Same SARS-CoV-2 with Spike Protein Changes-Variants of Concern



http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/variants



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https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_dailytrendscases

Case Study #1 Back to Work after Jacksonville Florida Vacation

- Coworkers vacation together
- Ms. A and Ms. B are symptomatic upon return on July 1 ("not feeling well...body aches, headache, fever")
- One attended morning meetings in conference room (all staff were sitting within 6 feet of each other)
- Second worked with residents
- Both tested positive for COVID-19 after completing their shifts





Case Study #2 "I have allergies"

- Healthcare administrator (Mr. O) not vaccinated to protect against SARS-CoV-2 infection
- Mr. O comes to work with "allergies and blocked sinuses".
- Works with unvaccinated coworkers (only one staff vaccinated), including attending meetings where social distancing and masks are not always carefully observed.
- Routine screening uncovers 6 other coworkers who test positive for SARS-Cov-2 5 days after they worked with Mr. O.
- After interview there are also 12 other staff who worked closely with Mr. O in three large department meetings



Case Study #3 "It's just a cold"

- Five residents on the same unit start with upper respiratory symptoms June 1
- Antigen for SARS-CoV-2 negative, chest x-rays are negative
- Two additional residents develop symptoms on the same unit June 2
- Three of the residents develop pneumonia on June 3 with infiltrates on chest x-ray
- All resident's tests are antigen and PCR negative for SARS-CoV-2
- Investigation uncovers that CNA worked with a "cold"
- Next steps?



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Coronavirus shutdowns have quashed nearly all other common viruses. But scientists say a rebound is coming.

'I never would have expected to see flu activity this low,' says CDC official





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comments

Summer spike of RSV cases unlike anything North Texas doctors have ever seen

"It's so out of cycle it's almost hard to fathom," said Dr. Jeffrey Kahn, chief of infectious diseases at Children's Health in Dallas.

As COVID dissipates in the U.S., cold and flu viruses may return with a vengeance

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General Vaccine Administration



Hand Hygiene



Image: Harper College Ventilation



Source Control/ PPE

Surface Cleaning / Disinfecting Detection, Isolation

Screening and Surveillance,

Core Infection Prevention Practices

- Transmission-based Precautions ASAP: What works for COVID-19 works for other common respiratory viruses
- Don't ignore just because it is not COVID-19 or influenza
- Contact Public Health and Interdisciplinary Team
- Respiratory Viral Panels
- Legionella?
- Review Screening
- Review and monitor PPE use





What Could it Be?

Influenza Pneumonia

- Most common viral cause of pneumonia
- Primary pneumonia manifests with persistent symptoms of cough, sore throat, headache, myalgia, and malaise for more than 3-5 days
- Symptoms worsen with time, and new respiratory symptoms, such as dyspnea and cyanosis, appear

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Parainfluenza Virus Pneumonia

- Parainfluenza virus (PIV) is second in importance only to RSV as a cause of lower respiratory tract disease in children
 - –Pneumonia and bronchiolitis in <6 months</p>
- Second to influenza in elderly
 - -The signs and symptoms include fever, cough, coryza, dyspnea with rales, and wheezing

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Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

- Second most common viral cause of pneumonia in adults
- Highly contagious, spreading via droplet and contact exposure
- Reinfection in older children and young adults is common but mild
- Likelihood of more severe disease and pneumonia increases with advancing age

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Rhinovirus

- Accounts for up to 30% of cases of all virus-related pneumonia
- Rhinovirus infection is linked to asthma hospitalizations in both adults and children
- Rhinoviruses can cause up to 32% of all lower respiratory tract infections with an identified pathogen in the elderly (> 60 y)
- Identified more frequently than coronaviruses (17%) or influenza viruses (7%)

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Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV)

- 10% of respiratory tract infections
- Distributed worldwide
- Seasonal distribution
- Incidence comparable to influenza
- most children exposed to virus by age 5
- Young children, older adults and immunocompromised individuals are at risk of severe illness and hospitalization.

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Sources: Falsey AR. Pediatr. Infect. Dis. J. 27 (10 Suppl): S80–3. Wikipedia: Human metapneumovirus



Adenoviruses

- Little known about mechanisms of pathogenicity
- 52 serotypes
- Age, health of patient, and other unknown host factors are believed to play key roles
- Spread by respiratory secretions, infectious aerosols, feces, and fomites very contagious
- Contaminated environmental surfaces harbor virus for weeks.
- Resistant to lipid disinfectants
- Inactivated by heat, formaldehyde, and bleach.

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Age Distribution of Viruses

- Evaluated respiratory viruses over 2 years
 - -2996 specimens in 2011-2012
 - Highest positivity in children 79%
 - -Multiple viruses in 10% of positives
 - -Influenza, parainfluenza, coronavirus most in elderly

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Human Parainfluenza Viruses (HPIVs)

CDC > HPIV Home > For Healthcare Professionals

Transmission

HPIVs usually spread by direct contact with infectious droplets or by airborne spread when an infected person breathes, coughs, or sneezes.

HPIVs may remain infectious in airborne droplets for over an hour and on surfaces for a few hours depending on environmental conditions.

People are most contagious during the early stage of illness.

People usually get HPIV infection in the spring, summer, and fall. However, it is possible to get infected at any time of the year. For more information, see <u>HPIV Seasons</u>.





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- NHSN Assistance:
 - Contact Telligen: nursinghome@telligen.com