ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

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Request:

The requestor asked for guidance documents and hygiene protocol resources relevant to long term care (LTC) facilities facing infectious disease outbreaks.

Response:

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed existing ASPR TRACIE resources, including those in our Infectious Disease Resource Page and in the Long-term Care Facilities, Coronaviruses, and Influenza Epidemic/Pandemic Topic Collections. We also conducted a search online for relevant materials. The resources gathered in this document include hygiene protocols and guidance documents specific to infectious diseases in healthcare facilities, in particular LTCs.

To reduce misinformation resulting from outdated resources during this rapidly evolving situation, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Coronavirus Disease 2019 webpage for the most up-to-date clinical guidance.

I. Infectious Disease Hygiene Resources for Healthcare Facilities


This free, online guide provides general infection control training for LTC facility staff.


This web page includes a variety of resources developed by two organizations representing LTC, post-acute care, and assisted living providers. Included are a summary of preparedness steps, guidance documents for skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, a screening checklist for skilled nursing facilities, a sample notice to families about visitor restrictions, training materials, and links to additional resources.


This web page includes links to facility letters issued by the state health department related to COVID-19. Click on each link to view the letters that apply to each facility type.

This guideline reviews research literature and provides recommendations related to hand hygiene in healthcare facilities.


This document provides infection control guidelines for healthcare settings across the continuum of care. It is intended to inform the development, implementation, and evaluation of infection control and prevention programs in healthcare settings.


This guidance applies to all healthcare facilities, including LTC facilities.


This web page provides general information for LTC facilities with an emphasis on infection prevention tools, training, and information.


This web page provides actions steps for all healthcare facilities, including LTC facilities.


This web page provides information to assist LTC facilities in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in their facilities.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. (2020). *Guidance for Managing COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (i.e., Skilled Nursing Facilities)*.

This document answers frequently asked questions, outlines action steps, and includes links to additional information.

This toolbox includes a variety of resources to assist frontline facilities in their readiness activities related to patients with high consequence infectious diseases. Included are planning and training tools, exercise templates, and the components to create a readiness binder. While directed at frontline facilities, the contents may be adapted for other settings.


This web page provides an overview of the hierarchy of controls that all healthcare facilities should follow to protect healthcare workers.


This handbook reviews CDC recommended best practices for infection control in nursing homes. It also includes good ideas from 73 nursing homes that participated in New York City’s Infection Control Assessment and Response program.


While directed at frontline healthcare facilities, the resources on this page can be adapted for other settings. The Frontline Hospital Planning Guide: Special Pathogens provides high-level planning information for frontline hospital multidisciplinary teams to support planning and training for the initial care of suspected special pathogen patients, including those with special respiratory diseases. The Frontline Facility Special Pathogens Course Content includes complementary, in-depth training.


This letter to owners, operators, and administrators of nursing homes provides guidance on protecting staff and residents from COVID-19.


This document provides background on the situation, describes implementation measures and steps to take if residents are symptomatic or infection is confirmed, and includes links to CDC guidance.

This article from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology and Society for Healthcare Epidemiology outlines infection control recommendations for LTC facilities.


This web page includes a variety of helpful resources, including guidance for post-acute and long-term care settings, frequently asked questions, a podcast, webinars, and sample signage. As of March 11, 2020, sample letters from administrators to families are also planned.


The state health department established this web page to collect resource to assist LTC facilities in their response to COVID-19. In addition to recommended prevention steps, the page includes a letter to facility directors on actions to take and a checklist for county governments.