

# Effective Infection Prevention and Control in a Crisis

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# NURSING HOME STAFF: THANK YOU!

**YOU ARE AMAZING HUMAN BEINGS!!**


**You can move mountains**

**You are trying your hardest!**


**There's a Difference between Working hard and working smart! In a crisis, we must DO BOTH!**



Long Term  
Care  
Quadruple  
Aim for  
COVID-19  
Response

- Sufficient and properly used PPE
  - Readily available testing of staff and residents
  - Stellar Infection Prevention
  - Emergency Preparedness/Incident Command Mode
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# Stellar Infection Prevention

- **ENGAGE THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR**
    - Medical Director should strongly support the IP and their role and responsibilities
    - Regular rounds through the facility promoting infection control
    - Evaluate complex admissions and any resident with possible Covid-19 infection
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# Emergency Preparedness Mode

- Key to operationalizing everything else!
- Proxy for excellent leadership & management



# Facility Leadership Team During the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Administrator
- Director of Nursing
- Medical Director
- Infection Preventionist
- Director of Staff Development

# Role of the Administrator

- Must be the leader of the entire team
- Now is not the time to focus on admissions and discharges
- Now is the time to make sure that everyone is doing their job to battle the pandemic
- Focus on staff morale
- Assuring that everyone is apprised of their specific best practices
- Keep everyone focused



# Infection Preventionist

- Leader of all infection control efforts
- Deputizing hand hygiene and PPE monitors
- Monitoring testing results
- Assuring Isolation is happening
- Contact tracing as needed





# Medical Director

- Clinical leader in facility
- Must make tough decisions regarding facility admissions and discharges
- Provide direction to clinicians caring for facility residents
- Interacts with Director of Nursing
- Works closely with Consultant Pharmacist
- Provides leadership for QAPI program



# Director of Nursing

- Responsible for nursing leadership in the facility
- Support for infection preventionist
- Assures appropriate staffing
- Works closely with administrator and medical director



# FUNCTIONALITY IN A CRISIS



**Don't feed information through a fire hose**  
**Monitor latest advice**  
**Checklists can help**  
**Understand flexibility**

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