Lessons Learned in Long-Term Care During a Pandemic

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COVID-19 Cases Minnesota
March 2020-October 2021

COVID-19 Deaths Minnesota
March 2020-October 2021

Situation Update for COVID-19 - Minnesota Dept. of Health (state.mn.us), accessed 5 November 2021
People living in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities or group homes accounted for 54% of MN deaths from COVID-19

• As of 11/5/2021

Total COVID deaths in MN: 8,828
Total COVID deaths in MN in congregate settings: 4,795

Objectives

• Understand the challenges of infection prevention during any pandemic in long-term care facilities
• Review the impact of the lockdown during the pandemic on residents, families and caregivers, and staff.
• Current state (November 2021): lessons learned and implications for the future
COVID-19: Airborne and Droplet Transmission

The difference between droplet and airborne transmission

Droplet transmission
Coughs and sneezes can spread droplets of saliva and mucus

Airborne transmission
Tiny particles, possibly produced by talking, are suspended in the air for longer and travel further

Infection Prevention in Long-Term Care during a Pandemic

• Standard infection control measures
  • Personal protective equipment
  • Screening by symptoms and testing
  • Keeping infected people away from uninfected people
    • Cohorting
    • Limiting visitation

• Vaccines
Current State: November 2021

- Lessons learned
- The future
- How has COVID-19 changed you/us?
- What are we/you most proud of?
Articles of further interest


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