

Week 7: COVID-19 Community Transmission and Nursing Home Screening Strategies

Session Information
<p>Session Topic: COVID-19 Community Transmission and Nursing Home Screening Strategies</p> <p>National Expert Presenter(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Kim, DNP, GNP-BC, GS-C, FNAP, FAANP • Abby Luck Parish, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, GNP-BC, FNAP
COVID-19 Content: COVID-19 Community Transmission and Nursing Home Screening Strategies
<p>Presentation Title: COVID-19 Community Transmission and Nursing Home Screening Strategies</p> <p>Session Description: This session includes discussion of the relationship between COVID-19 community activity and nursing home screening strategies. Approaches to maintaining staff members' vigilance to transmission prevention strategies will be presented and discussed as will factors that should influence the frequency of COVID-19 screening among residents & staff members.</p> <p>Learning Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop one method of disseminating up-to-date information on COVID-19 community activity to staff members. • Identify challenges related to COVID-19 fatigue in staff members. • Discuss relationship between COVID-19 community activity and screening practices within the nursing home.
Special Considerations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Required Resources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video: <i>COVID-19 Community Transmission and Nursing Home Screening Strategies</i>
Supplementary Resources:
Quality Improvement: High Level Flow Diagram
Learning Objectives:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe a high-level flow diagram
Required Resources:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level flow 1-pager
Activity:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a high-level flow diagram for a process you want to make more reliable

Discussion

Guided Questions

- Are screening protocols for staff members, non-essential workers or contractors/vendors, visitors, and residents detailed in the Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP)?
- Are there written communication materials (e.g., flyers) to inform everyone entering the nursing home about required screening protocols and potential restrictions?

Sample Case & Case Questions

During screening procedures, one of the residents has an out-of-state visitor, Mrs. Jackson, who claims that she had COVID-19 a few months ago and had a negative COVID-19 test 14 days after her symptoms/illness resolved. She is unable to produce the test result; she has a frequent, dry cough. Mrs. Jackson is insistent on seeing her relative and is getting upset with the screener, who is concerned that Mrs. Jackson may not meet the criteria for being permitted to visit.

- Should screeners have written policies and protocols for who may be admitted and who may not?
- How would you handle this case – who would you contact for further guidance/support?
- Has your center communicated with residents and families/care partners about screening policies? Do you believe that expectations and requirements are clear?