

## NURSING HOME CARE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: RESOURCES, INFORMATION, & UPDATES

May 1, 2020 – Coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an unprecedented threat to the millions of residents in nursing homes and other adult care facilities in the United States. At least 10,000 residents and staff in these settings are known to have died from COVID-19 infections while countless more are enduring tremendous hardship. As the Long Term Care Community Coalition (LTCCC) stated in Wednesday's <u>New York Times op-ed</u>, "[t]he weaknesses in patient care and oversight at nursing homes that made those deaths more likely were longstanding, widespread and well known."

LTCCC is publishing <u>critical information in its Coronavirus Resources page</u> to help residents and those working with them during this difficult time. LTCCC's COVID-19 Resources page features:

- Nursing Home Provider Info: State-by-state files including data on nursing homes. The page features:
  - Data on five-star ratings, special focus facility status, health inspection outcomes, location, resident population, and other general information;
  - A clickable map for users to easily access state info; and
  - An interactive Tableau map illustrating fines in each state.



Darker shades indicate more dollars per fine

- <u>Nursing Home 411 Podcasts</u>: Interviews and discussions on COVID-19 and other important topics such as staffing, abuse and neglect, and ownership. Hear from a variety of long-term care experts, including:
  - LTCCC's Richard Mollot and Dara Valanejad on <u>COVID-19 exposing the</u> infection control problem;
  - LTCCC's Gloria Murray on why nursing home ombudsmen are the best kept secret;
  - o Journalist Marjie Lundstrom on how rampant food safety violations tie into COVID-19;
  - o Attorney Deborah Truhowsky on warning signs of abuse and neglect; and
  - o Jeanette Sandor, RN, on defensive documentation putting residents at risk.
- <u>LTCCC's COVID-19 Emergency Action Plan for New York</u>: LTCCC is calling on Governor Andrew Cuomo and state officials to take emergency actions to help prevent further outbreaks and loss of life in nursing homes. LTCCC's emergency plan includes deploying strike teams, ensuring sufficient staffing, requiring a full-time infection preventionist, and more. Join LTCCC in this call to action by contacting the Governor and your representatives via <u>LTCCC's Action Center</u>.
  - Please sign up for our LTCCC's news and alerts to keep up with our COVID-19 updates and newest resources to support residents in long-term care.

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