

Week 2: Infection Control & Prevention - PPE

Session Information
Session Topic: Making the environment safe during COVID-19 National Expert Presenter(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lisa Thomson, BA, LNHA, HSE, CIMT; Chief Strategy and Marketing Officer, Pathway Health• Susan LaGrange, RN, BSN, NHA, CDONA, FACDONA, CIMT, IP-BC; Director of Education, Pathway Health
COVID-19 Content: Personal Protective Equipment
Presentation Title: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance and Practical Approaches for Improved Outcomes Session Description: This presentation includes an overview of COVID-19 transmission and the appropriate types of PPE that should be used to prevent it. It also described 7 strategies and practical tactics for addressing PPE challenges in nursing homes. These include policies & procedures; determining supply; PPE education; PPE optimization; surveillance; performance improvement; and supporting team members. Learning Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• List the types of personal protective equipment (PPE) and their importance• Describe the situations in which the use of PPE is necessary• Identify practical tips and tools to determine supply need, optimize PPE, and train staff on correct use of PPE
Special Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What are strategies that rural nursing homes can leverage to manage minimal purchasing power when it comes to PPE?
Required Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Video: <i>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Guidance and Practical Approaches for Improved Outcomes</i> Supplementary Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDC: Optimizing Supply of PPE and Other Equipment during Shortages• CDC: Preparing for COVID-19 in Nursing Homes• Leading Age: Infection Control – COVID 19 Tool and Checklist for the COVID-19 Survey

Quality Improvement: Honoring the work

Learning Objectives:

- Learn about existing successes and challenges
- Build community

Breakout Sessions

In each group discuss (with respect to the work of preventing/managing COVID)

- What is going well
- What has been challenging
- What might the community help you with?

Discussion

Guided Questions

- Where do you obtain the most up to date recommendations around PPE?
- Do you currently use any type of audit tool for PPE?
- What solutions have you implemented in order to solve for PPE shortages at your organization?

Sample Case & Case Questions

Mrs. Jones is an 87-year old woman with moderate to advanced Alzheimer's disease who lives on a special care (memory care) unit. The team has learned her habits and preferences and has identified ways to approach her during care to reduce any struggle and optimize outcomes. With COVID-19, team members all wear masks or masks plus face shields. Sometimes they wear full PPE, which frightens Mrs. Jones. Also, she is hard of hearing and unable to read lips, so her ability to communicate is now much more limited. The activities on the unit have been significantly reduced, and Mrs. Jones' mobility has declined.

- What ideas do you have for promoting Mrs. Jones' mobility and preserving communication and mentation during COVID-19?
- What solutions might address the challenges with communication when staff are all wearing masks?
- Do you have suggestions about optimizing activities programs during COVID-19?