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Committee on the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes

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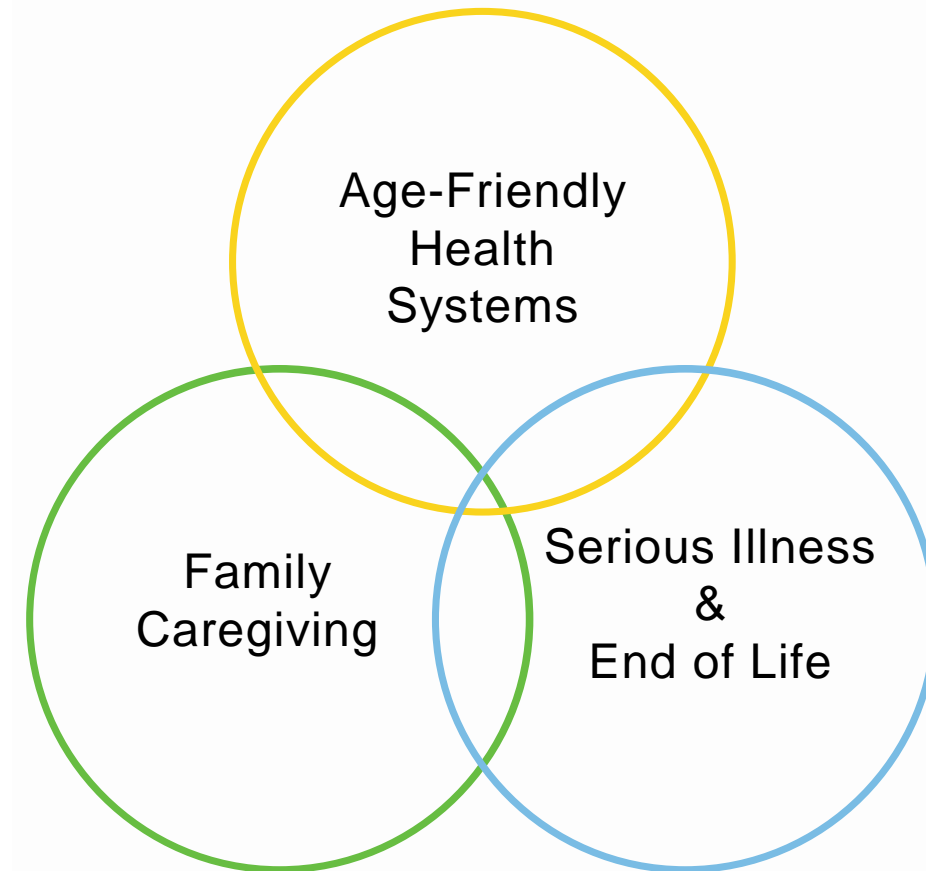


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Mission & Priorities

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PRIORITY AREAS



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COVID-19 Infections and Deaths

- Global cases: **50,810,763** (as of 11/11, WHO)
- Global deaths: **1,263,844** (as of 11/11, WHO)
- US Cases: **10,036,463** (as of 11/10, CDC)
- US Deaths: **237,731** (as of 11/10, CDC)
- US Nursing Home Resident Cases: **281,110** (as of 10/25, CMS)
- US Nursing Home Deaths: **63,617** (as of 10/25, CMS)





COVID-19 and Nursing Homes

Biggest issues:

- Staffing
- Infection prevention
- PPE
- Social isolation
- Racial/ethnic disparities



“America’s nursing homes are not designed, operated, or funded to deal effectively with infectious disease epidemics, and their staff are often too few in number and inadequately paid, protected, and trained.” — Fulmer, T. T., C. F. Koller, and J. W. Rowe. Sept 2020. *Reimagining Nursing Homes in the Wake of COVID-19. NAM Perspectives. Commentary, National Academy of Medicine.*





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COVID-19 and Nursing Homes

The COVID-19 disaster presents an opportunity to fundamentally reimagine the future of nursing homes.

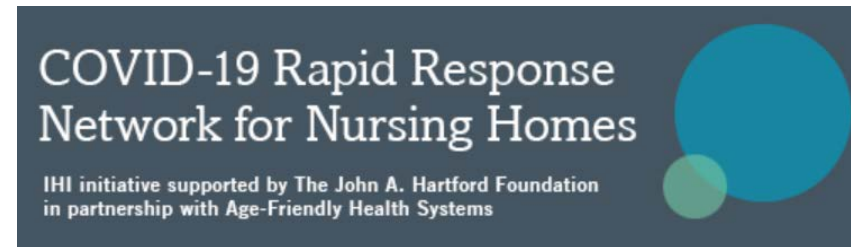


COVID-19, Nursing Homes & Age-Friendly Health Systems



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- **URGENTLY: National Nursing Home Huddles** led by IHI
 - Evolved into **Nursing Home ECHO: COVID-19 Action Network** (AHRQ)



[ahrq.gov/nursing-home]

- **EMERGENTLY: FrameWorks Institute** to reframe nursing home narrative [frameworksinstitute.org]
- **EMERGENTLY: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine** to launch a study on nursing home safety and quality post-COVID-19 [nationalacademies.org/our-work/the-quality-of-care-in-nursing-homes]



Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes



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- Report released Sept. 16, 2020
- 10 Themes: 27 Recommendations and 100 Action Steps
 - 1) Testing and Screening
 - 2) Equipment and PPE
 - 3) Cohorting
 - 4) Visitation
 - 5) Communication
 - 6) Workforce Ecosystem: Resident Safety
 - 7) Workforce Ecosystem: Strategic Reinforcement
 - 8) Technical Assistance and Quality Improvement
 - 9) Facilities
 - 10) Nursing Home Data

Report is just one step toward eradicating elder mistreatment that can result from inadequate care



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Independent Nursing Home COVID-19 Commission Findings Validate Unprecedented Federal Response

Sep 16, 2020 | Nursing facilities, Quality, Safety

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Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received the final report from the independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes (Commission), which was facilitated by MITRE. CMS also released an

HEALTH AFFAIRS BLOG

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RELATED TOPICS:

LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS | COVID-19 | NURSING HOMES | PATIENT SAFETY | HEALTH PHILANTHROPY
| MORTALITY | PANDEMICS | CORONAVIRUS | QUALITY OF CARE

What COVID-19 Exposed In Long-Term Care

Karen Wolk Feinstein

NOVEMBER 5, 2020

10.1377/hblog20201104.718974

“However, the report, issued six months after our nation was aware of the death toll in nursing homes, failed to present a bold new vision for skilled nursing care.”



Reimagining Nursing Homes

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We can redesign physical and operating models to accommodate future pandemics

Strategies that can better match services provided and care settings with the needs of specific groups:

- Homogenous group placement - hospice, memory centers
- Smaller facilities - Green Houses
- Nursing home alternatives - PACE day centers
- Short-stay rehabilitation patients in “extended care wings” of hospitals



We Will Need Action By All Stakeholders



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- Medicare and Medicaid policy reform
- Investment in change by industry
- Research on redesign and financing
- Advocacy on behalf of residents and families
- Funding from philanthropy and public sector
- Follow-through on Coronavirus Commission's 27 recommendations





Charge to Study Committee

The public, in many ways, has given up on nursing homes

This committee carries a tremendous responsibility to produce a report and recommendations that:

- Are **actionable** by all stakeholders
- Result in **timely policy changes** that will ensure quality and safety in nursing homes for the long-term
- Reflect **bold thinking** unconstrained by existing laws, current structures or societal norms





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Thank you for your important work!

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