



Beyond Testing and Cohorting: Re-Opening Nursing Homes with Enhanced Safety

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Testing and Cohorting will Not Suffice

- Pandemic highlighted several areas of opportunities that always existed
 - Medical models
 - Finances
 - Competencies (infection-related and others)
 - Resources
- Staff and families confidence has been shaken
- Clear need for better and broader collaboration among systems
- Historic waivers/policy changes have jumpstarted a transformation

COVID-19 Accelerated Transformation

- Staffing
 - Infection preventionist role with increased infection competence
- Medical Model
 - More available medical staff
 - Role of medical director, particularly in infection control
 - Infection control consultants
- Formal COVID (and other) testing areas and services
 - Frequent and “on-demand” testing
 - Testing booths and Apps
- PPE use and social distancing

COVID-19 Accelerated Transformation

- Physical design changes
 - Smaller, neighborhood styled areas
 - Farewell to semi-private rooms
 - COVID or other infection control units/ areas
- Materials and Fabrics with antimicrobial properties (e.g. copper) and the ability to be easily disinfect
- Communication between Health systems
 - Better transitional care and collaboration
 - Resource, competence and personnel exchange among systems

COVID-19 Tech Acceleration





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Will COVID-19
Change our
Attitude Towards
Nursing Homes?