Join the
AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network

Project ECHO is actively recruiting nursing homes around the country to join an interactive community of practice to advance improvements in COVID-19 preparedness, safety and infection control.

Supported by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and in collaboration with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network is open to any Medicare or Medicaid-certified nursing home across the country at no cost.

Complete an interest form to learn more and get connected to a training center near you.

Nursing homes eligible to receive funding from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) that actively participate in the 16-week Network training can receive $6,000 in compensation for participating.

The Challenge

- It is estimated that over 60,000 nursing home residents and staff have died from COVID-19, representing more than one-quarter of the nation's known COVID-19 deaths.
- Nursing home residents are especially vulnerable due to their age, their underlying frailty, and their communal living conditions.
- Nursing home staff members who care for our seniors are among the most needed and most at-risk essential workers.

The Approach

The Network will operate as a 16-week interactive virtual community of practice utilizing the ECHO model. The model is based on the idea that to learn complex ideas, guided mentorship is needed in an "all teach, all learn" environment. The weekly Network sessions are designed to create space to hear directly from nursing home staff about the challenges they are facing through discussion of real cases. All participants are encouraged to share best practices and learn from their peers – while benefiting from the guidance of nursing home and quality improvement experts. Each Network session will include a short lecture combined with case-based presentations and discussion.

The Goals

The Network aims to help nursing homes implement evidence-based best practices to:

- Keep SARS-CoV-2 from entering nursing homes where it has not entered
- Identify residents and staff who have been infected with SARS-CoV-2 early
- Prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 between staff, residents, and visitors
- Provide safe and appropriate care to residents with mild and asymptomatic cases of SARS-CoV-2
- Ensure staff have the knowledge, skills, and confidence to implement best-practice safety measures to protect residents and themselves
- Reduce social isolation for residents, families, and staff during these difficult times

To Learn More

- Complete an interest form to be connected to a training center near you
- Join the webinar series *National Nursing Home COVID-19 Safety Conversations*
- Contact us at ECHONursingHome@salud.unm.edu