COVID-19 Impact on Nursing Homes
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Nursing Homes – The Perfect Storm….Sadly

First evidence of looming danger – Kirkland
Nursing Homes – 15,000+ In U.S.

• Congregate Housing – close proximity for meals, activities, rest
• Lack of training or support on infection prevention
• Lack of Personal Protective Equipment
• Lack of Testing Kits
• Staffing Shortages – exasperated with COVID-19
• Lockdown – Inability for Resident Advocates
In 20 states, at least half of deaths are linked to nursing homes.
CMS Collecting Data

• Weekly Reporting – fines for non-reporting
• PPE – Sufficient for day and week
• Testing - Results
• Staffing – Sufficient for day and week
• Deaths – Residents and Staff
• Positive COVID-19 – Residents and Staff

Responses are driving action in many states
Remember these U.S. numbers.....COVID-19

43% – Percent of all COVID-19 deaths that were nursing home residents

5.36% - Percent of entire nursing home population that has died from COVID-19

159 – number of day most nursing homes have been on lockdown