# Coronavirus – impact on long term and elder care facilities

An overview of state and federal action to protect long term care facilities during the pandemic and a breakdown of the impact of COVID-19 on elderly populations

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### Over 23% of COVID-19 deaths have occurred in long-term care facilities

Fast Facts: COVID-19 toll on nursing homes

95,515

confirmed cases

91.2

cases per 1,000 residents

31,782

confirmed deaths

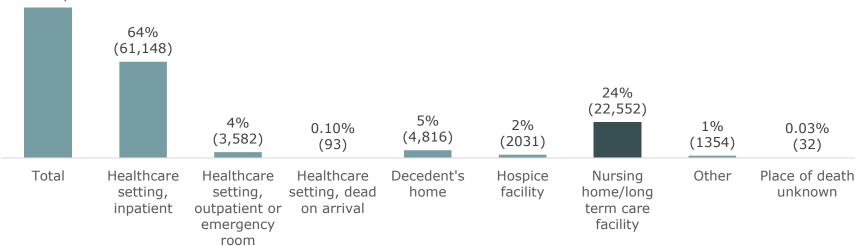
30.2

deaths per 1,000 residents

#### Shares of provisional death count from COVID-19, by place of death

CDC, AS OF JUNE 6, 2020





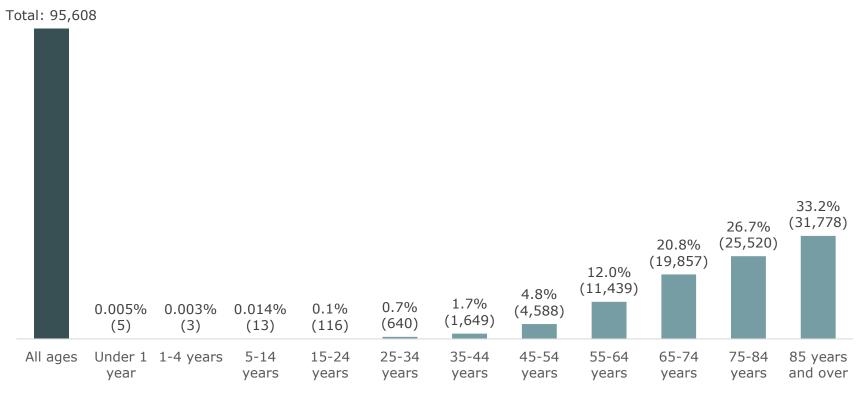
<sup>\*</sup>Nursing homes were not required to report COVID-19 cases and associated deaths prior to May to CMS. Sources: CMS, CDC.

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### Americans 65 and over account for over 80% of COVID-19 deaths

Share of provisional death counts for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), by age

CDC, AS OF JUNE 6, 2020



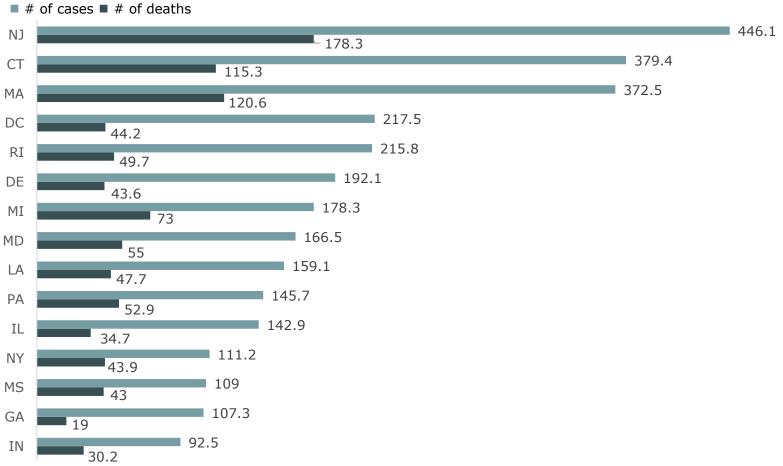
Sources: Centers for Disease Control.

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### States with the highest rates of COVID-19 cases in their elder care facilities

Share of COVID-19 cases and deaths per 1,000 residents in nursing home facilities, by state



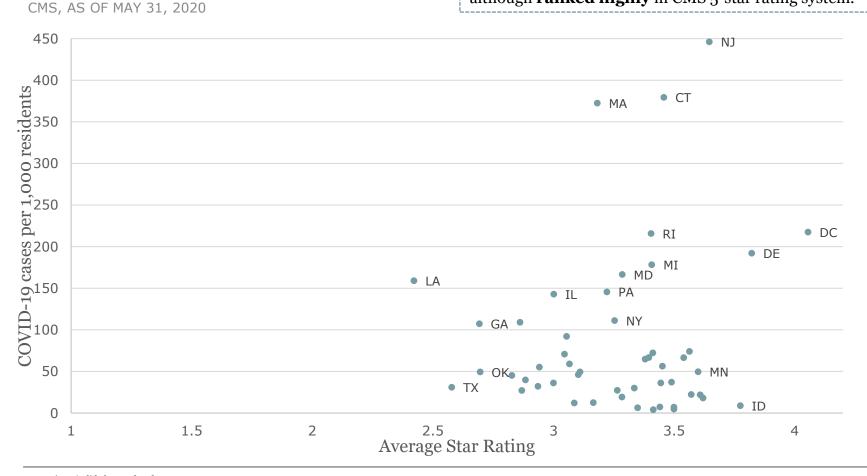


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Traditional star rating system used by CMS as indicator of quality may not be a reliable measure of nursing home capacity to contain spread of COVID-19

Average nursing home star ratings and cases per 1,000, by state

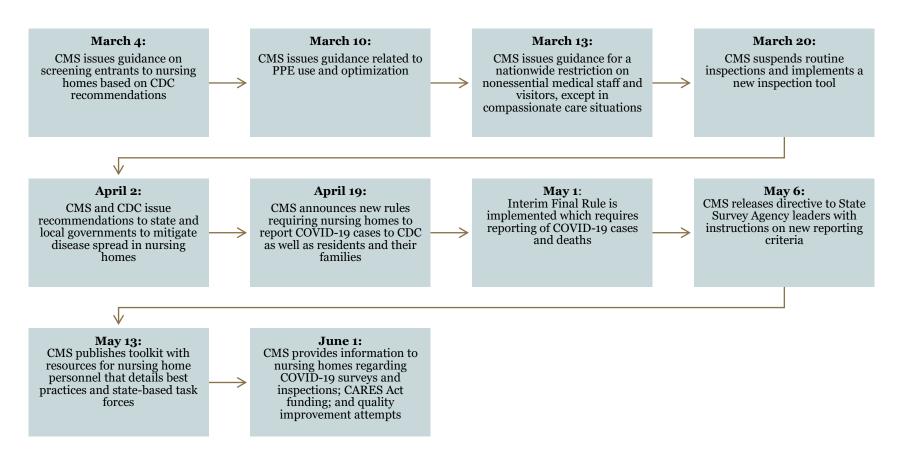
NJ, MA, CT, DC, and RI are states with the **highest** rates of COVID-19 cases in their nursing homes, although ranked highly in CMS 5-star rating system.



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# CMS has adjusted some regulations impacting nursing homes and long-term care facilities during the COVID-19 emergency

#### Timeline of key CMS action:



Sources: Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services.

# CDC has issued additional guidance to control the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities and nursing homes

Overview of key CDC guidelines for nursing homes and long-term care settings



**Awareness:** Educate residents, health care personnel (HCP), and visitors about the risk of COVID-19 and recommendation precautions



**Protect health care personnel:** Evaluate and manage HCP with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including non-punitive and flexible sick leave, requiring HCP to wear a face mask always in the facility, and screening workers at the beginning of their shift, among other guidelines

**Visits:** Enforce policies and procedures for visitors, with CDC encouraging friends and family to telecommunicate with residents. Plan for additional restrictions based on quantity of in-person visitors



Facility safety: Provide supplies to adhere to recommended infection prevention and control practices

**Controlling cases:** Evaluate and manage residents with symptoms of COVID-19 and dedicate space in the facility to care for residents with confirmed cases



**Infection control programs:** Assign a trained employee to manage infection preventionist control (IPC) program . CDC developed an online training on best practices to limit spread of infectious disease.



**Documenting and reporting:** Weekly reporting of COVID-19 cases among nursing home residents and staff members as well as PPE supplies to CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

**Testing protocols**: Develop a plan to test residents and health care personnel for SARS-CoV-2 according to CDC and state guidelines.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control.

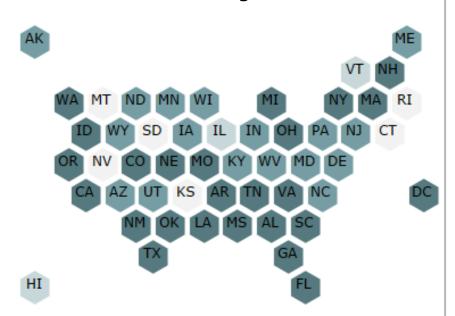
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### Guidance on visitation protocol in elder care facilities, by state

KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION, AS OF APRIL 28

■ No guidance
■ Restrict
■ Recommend prohibit
■ Prohibit

#### **Assisted Living Facilities**

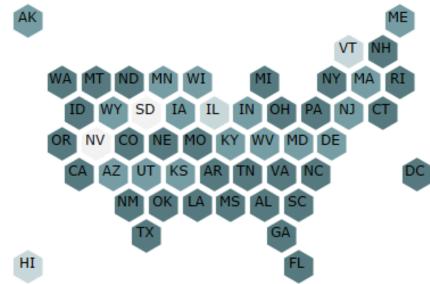


**Prohibit: 25** 

**Recommend prohibit: 17** 

**Restrict:** 3 **No guidance:** 6

#### **Nursing Facilities**



**Prohibit:** 30

**Recommend prohibit: 16** 

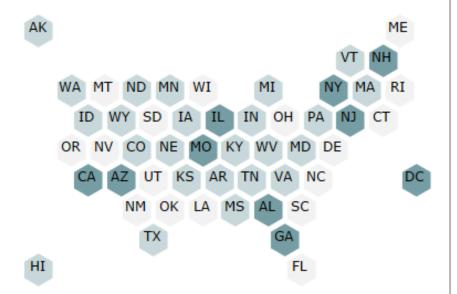
Restrict: 3 No guidance: 2

### Guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE) in elder care facilities, by state

KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION, AS OF APRIL 28

■ No guidance
■ Recommended
■ Required

#### **Assisted Living Facilities**



Require: 10 Recommend: 24 No guidance: 17

#### **Nursing Facilities**



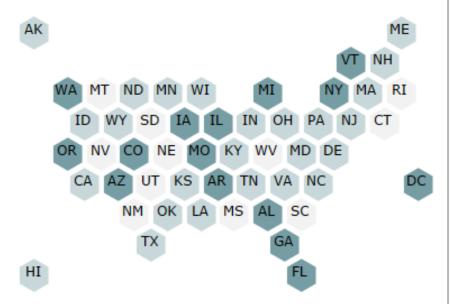
Require: 10 Recommend: 23 No guidance: 18

### Guidance on screening protocol in elder care facilities, by state

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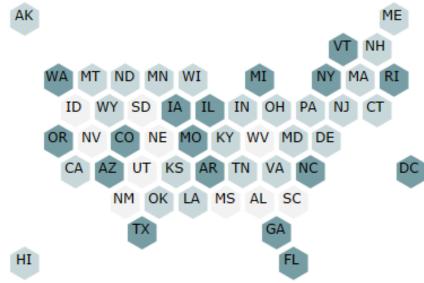
■ No guidance ■ Recommended ■ Required

#### **Assisted Living Facilities**



Require: 15 Recommend: 25 No guidance: 11

#### **Nursing Facilities**



Require: 17 Recommend: 24 No guidance: 10