



LTSS in our community

Tribal Long-term Care Facilities - Leading the Response to COVID-19

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Uniting Nursing Homes In Tribal Excellence

About UNITE

UNITE (Uniting Nursing Homes in Tribal Excellence)

- Entering its 6th year of service to Tribal nursing homes and Tribal assisted living facilities
- Promotes evidence-based education and training, best practices, and quality improvement initiatives
- Works with any tribe desiring sustainable facilities and services for tribal elders to age in place



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UNITE's Mission, Status, and Location

UNITE's mission

UNITE partners with Native American/Alaska Natives/Hawaiian tribes to improve the quality of life of elders through the implementation of evidence-based practices and culturally relevant education and training

- 501c3 with Board of Directors
- Serving tribal elders since 2014
- Membership

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Webinar Objectives

- Learn about three ways Tribal Nursing homes have been impacted by COVID-19
- Identify obstacles to providing care
- Identify challenges to staff in Tribal long-term care facilities
- Learn about how Tribal Nursing Homes keep Tribal Elders comfortable and safe
- Learn about challenges to transition residents
- Understand how CMS guidance impacts Tribal nursing homes



How has your nursing home been affected by COVID 19?

- Daily life of resident
- Outing restrictions
- Behaviors/agitation
- Visitor restrictions
- Use of masks
- Dementia care
- Food Security

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



AVOID



KEEP CLEAN



DISINFECTANT



SYMPTOMS AWARE



What obstacles have you experienced in providing care to residents during a pandemic?

- Isolation of positive residents
- Use of full PPE
- Staff turnover/new staff
- Schedule inflexibility
- Payroll
- Daily symptom screening of staff
- Cohorting
- Off site trips i.e. dialysis



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What are staffing challenges your facility has overcome?

- Staying healthy
- Following new guidelines/restrictions
- Payroll and financial worries
- Stress-levels / lockdown





How are Tribal Elders kept comfortable and safe?

- Technology
- Individualized activities
- Spiritual Care
- Activity modifications
- Fresh air
- Communication strategies



How have you responded to transition phases during a pandemic?

- Altered admission process
- Testing requirements for COVID-19
- Delays in admissions
- Anxious resident and family





How have changes in CMS guidance impacted your facility?

- Waivers
- Quality Measures
- Quality Improvement Organizations
- Surveyors
- Visits by doctors and providers
- Telehealth





Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Tribal LTC communities

- A new form:
<https://forms.gle/kPPBR2KZVkJDAwUpX9>
- Voluntary participation
- Aggregate information only
- Weekly by COB day each Thursday
- The form is intended to be filled out weekly. UNITE recommends filling out the form each Thursday by close of business local time
- Monthly call to review the data collected



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Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Tribal LTC communities

- Gathering subjective information
- Gathering objective information
- Addressing the pandemic
- Assistance with best practices
- Demonstrating a need
- Telling a story
- Advocacy
- Positive Attention

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