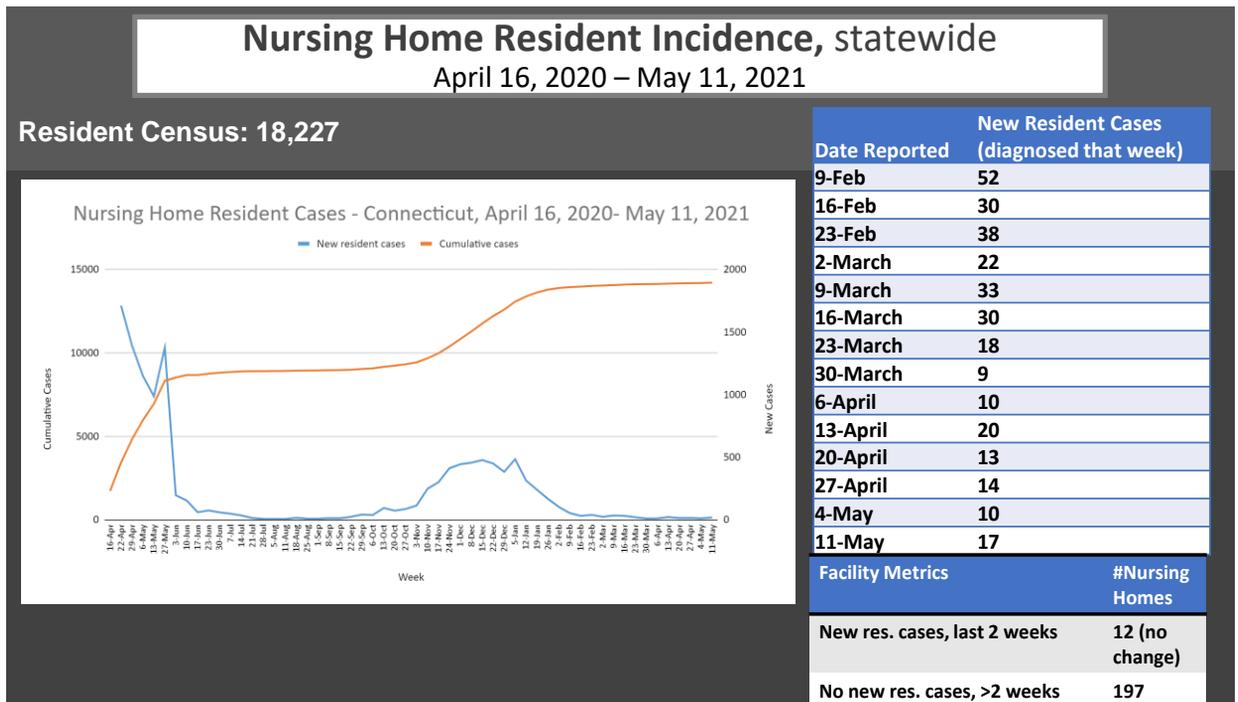


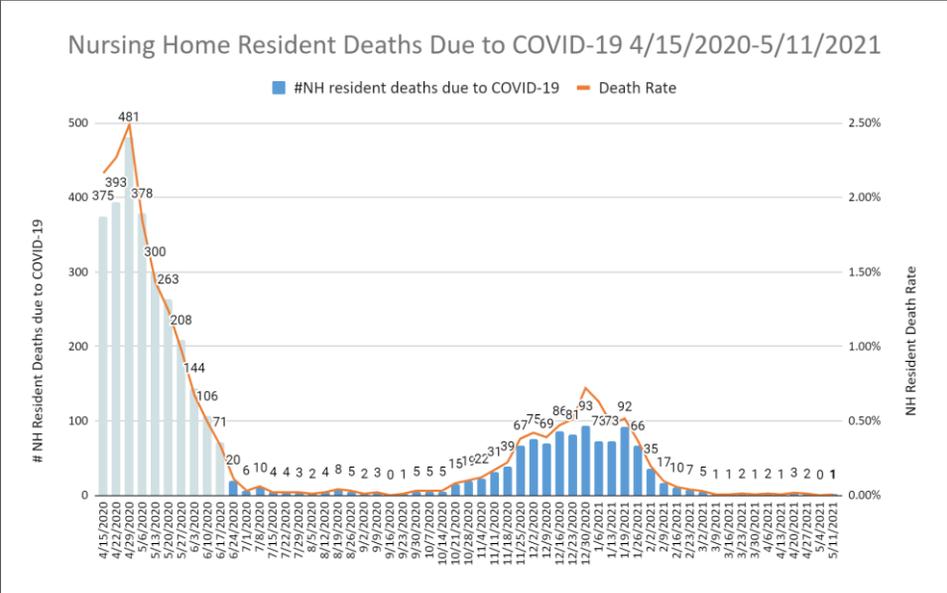
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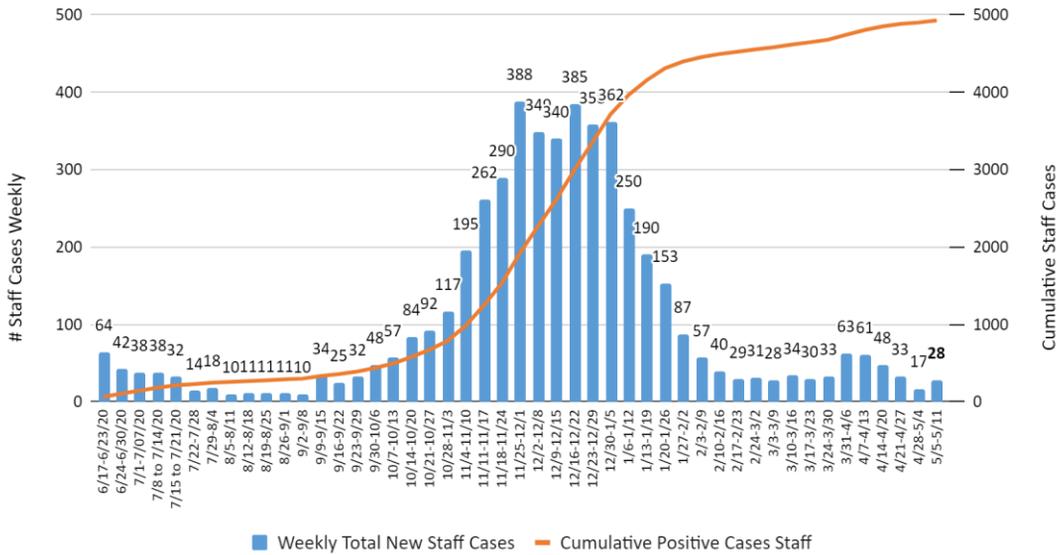
Nursing Home Resident Deaths, statewide April 15, 2020 – May 11, 2021



Note: Light blue= OCME lab-confirmed and suspected deaths due to COVID-19, Darker blue= NHSN data

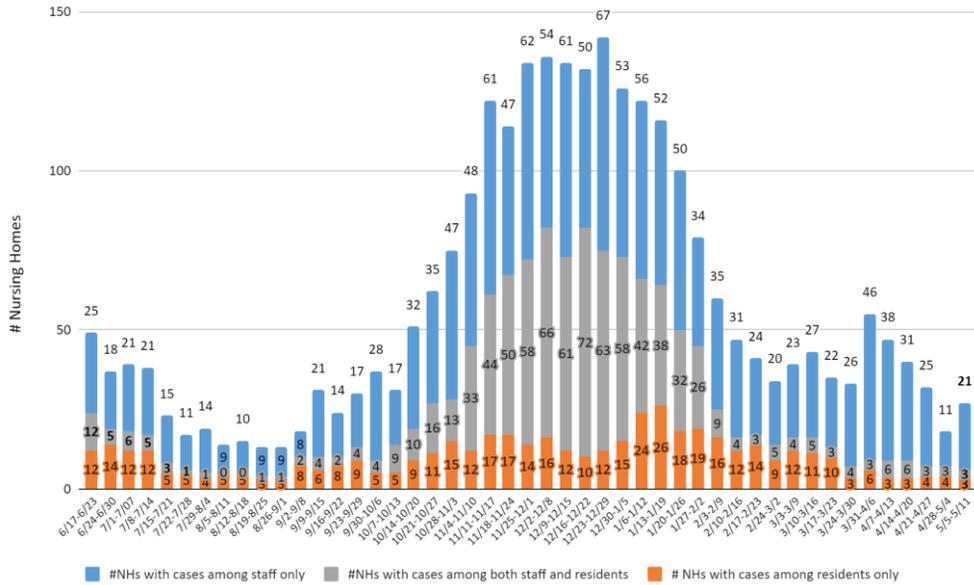
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New Staff Cases in CT Nursing Homes June 17, 2020–May 11, 2021

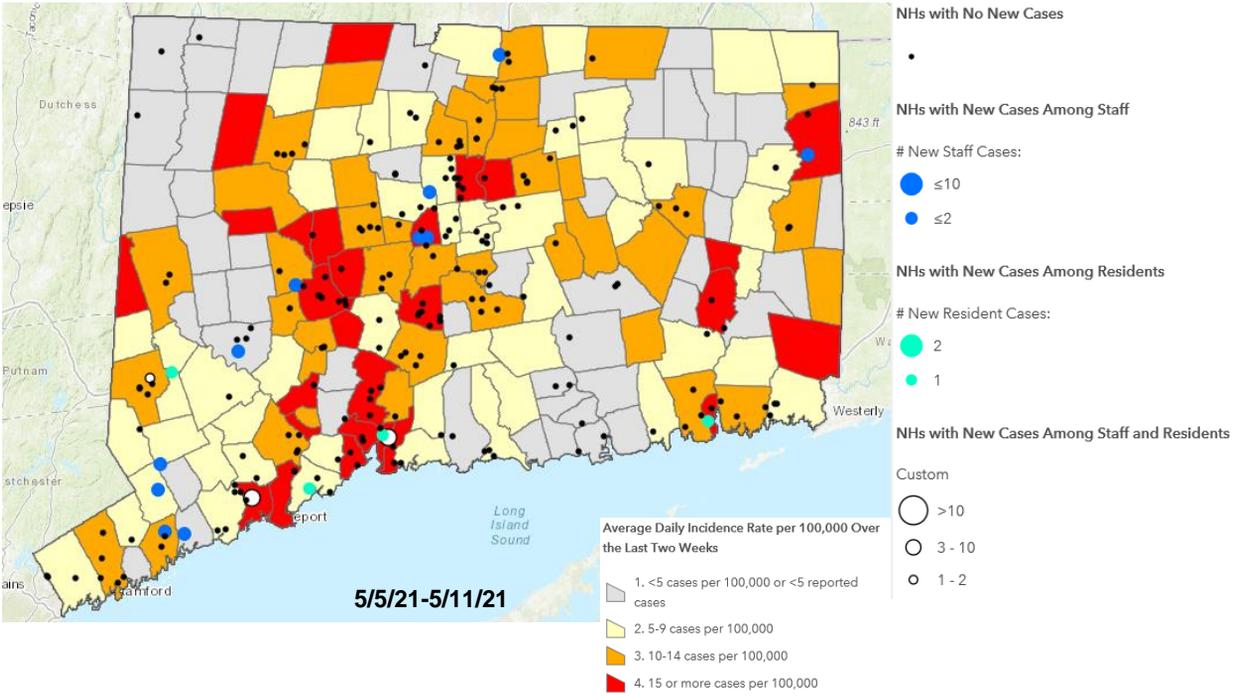


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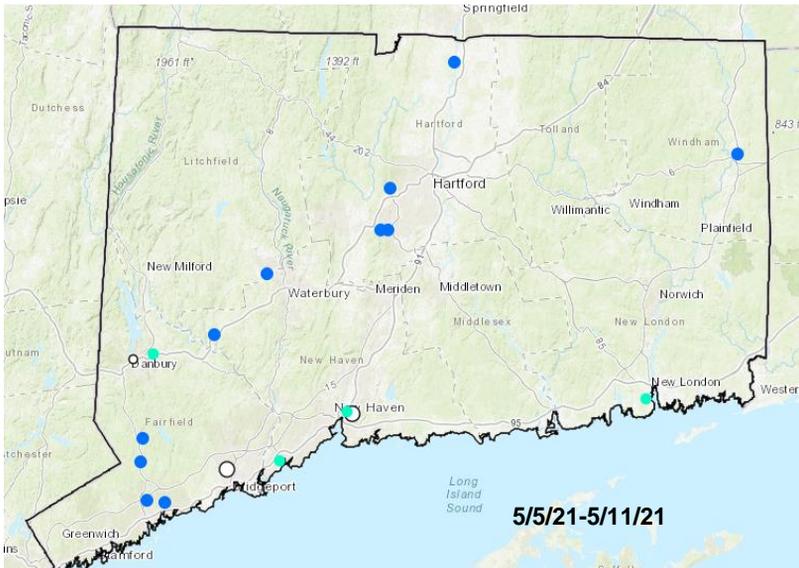
Nursing Homes with Positive Staff or Residents June 17, 2020-May 11, 2021



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- 21 NHs w/ Staff Cases Only
 - 18 NHs with 1 case
 - 3 NHs with 2 cases
- 3 NHs w/ Resident Cases Only
 - 2 NHs with 1 case
 - 1 NH with 3 cases
- 3 NHs with Staff & Resident Cases
 - 1 NH with 2 cases
 - 2 NHs with 6-10 cases

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NHSN COVID-19 Vaccination Module

5/11/21, CMS: NHs must report COVID-19 vaccine coverage of staff and residents WEEKLY to NHSN.

- CMS will post these data on [CMS's COVID-19 Nursing Home Data website](#).
- 6/13/21: Enforcement of reporting begins

CDC/NHSN training documents:

www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/weekly-covid-vac

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**Updated Nursing Home
COVID-19 Reporting
Requirements
(as of May 20, 2021)**

NHSN: per CMS Mandate – weekly by NOON WEDNESDAYS

- Resident & staff case and mortality data
- COVID-19 Vaccination data for resident and staff.
- Resource needs (PPE, testing, vaccination, etc.)
- Monoclonal use

DPH “FLIS” Portal

- Daily reporting eliminated.
- Transition to reporting COVID-19 cases among staff & residents **within 24 hours of detection.**
- Please update linelist (symptoms, hospitalization, death)

LTC- MAP

- Daily reporting eliminated.

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Reminder: Your Infection Preventionist is a VIP!

A survey was sent to nursing home administrators to identify the Infection Preventionist at your facility

If you have not yet completed the survey, please send back ASAP

If you did not receive the survey, please contact

me: Kathryn.Cusano@ct.gov

Thank you for your help!



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2021 McKnight Prize for Healthcare Outbreak Heroes

The CDC Foundation and the Evelyn and Thomas McKnight Family Fund for Patient Safety announced **the 2021 McKnight Prize for Healthcare Outbreak Heroes was awarded to all frontline nursing home staff in the United States.**

- A formal award ceremony will take place at the AHCA/NCAL Annual Convention & Expo in October 2021.
- More information is available here: www.cdcfoundation.org/blog/frontline-nursing-home-staff-2021-mcknight-prize.

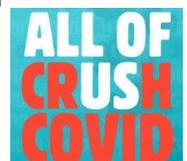
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The CDC Foundation Recognizes All Frontline Nursing Home Staff with 2021 McKnight Prize For Healthcare Outbreak Heroes

The McKnight Prize for Healthcare Heroes is intended for an individual, but the COVID-19 response has shown us that we are all in this together. The heroism of all the nursing home staff that showed up and kept showing up day after day truly captures the spirit of the award.

- Nursing home staff went above and beyond, performing admirably to care for and protect their residents in the face of great personal risk. Some of the nursing home staff inclusive of this recognition are nurse assistants, environmental service workers, dietitians, nurses, administrators, activity directors, therapists, and other support staff.
- According to the federal government, over 550,000 nursing home staff contracted COVID-19 and over 1,000 lost their lives.

We thank you all for your service



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Joint Session

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Tip of the Week

"It's just allergies."



If unvaxxed and no sneezing/itchy/watery eyes, then test for COVID-19!

IS IT COVID-19? OR IS IT JUST MY ALLERGIES?

SYMPTOMS	CORONAVIRUS	ALLERGIES
 Fever	YES	No
 Cough	YES (DRY COUGH)	Sometimes
 Fatigue	YES	No
 Shortness of Breath	YES	Rare
 Aches & Pains	YES	Sometimes (Itchy eyes, nose, and mouth only)
 Headaches	Sometimes	No
 Sore Throat	Sometimes	No
 Stuffy or Runny Nose	Rare	YES
 Sneezing	No	YES

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Testing Requirement Updates (as of 5/19/21)

State Testing Requirement (weekly testing) will end MAY 31, 2021.

- **Nursing homes required to follow CMS requirements for routine screening and outbreak testing after May 31, 2021.**
- **Assisted Living**
 - **Memory care units: DPH recommends following CDC guidance/CMS requirements for nursing homes after May 31, 2021**
 - **Non-memory care units: no recommendation for non-outbreak testing.**

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SARS-CoV-2 Testing in NHs/AL Memory Care

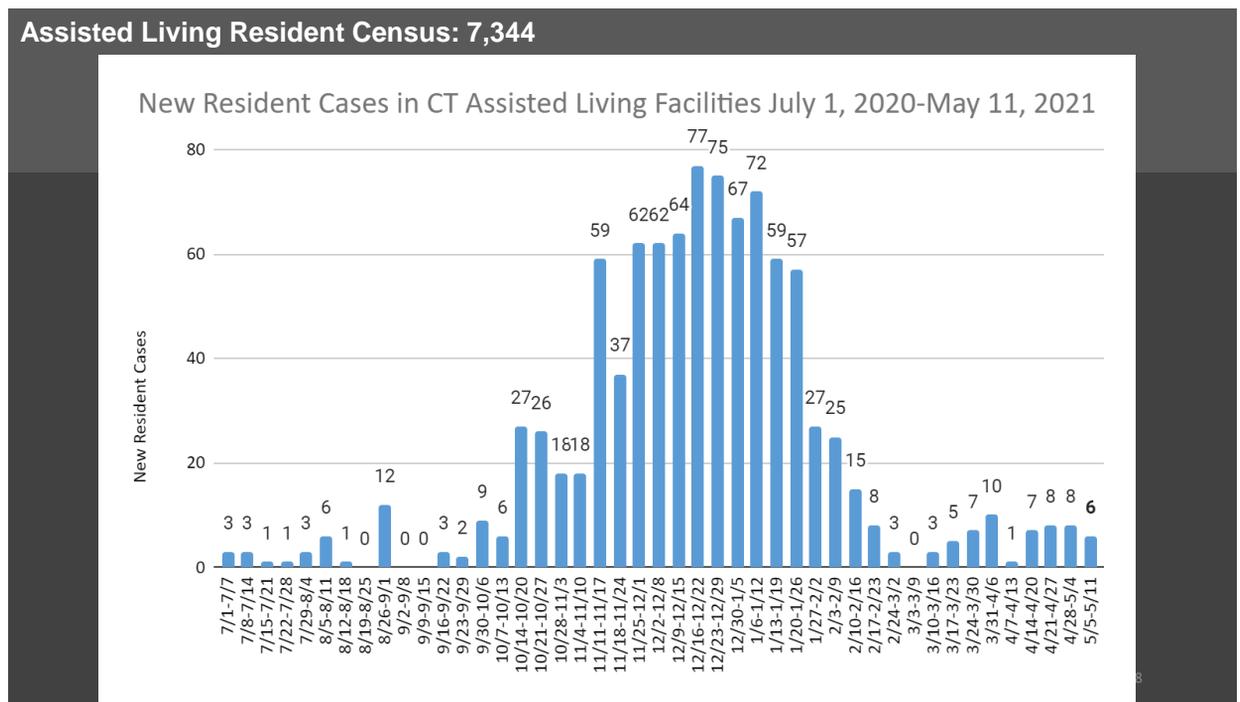
	Vaccinated Staff	Unvaccinated Staff	Vaccinated Residents	Unvaccinated Residents
FACILITY WIDE	Routine screening		✓	
	Outbreak testing	✓	✓	✓
INDIVIDUALS	Symptoms consistent with COVID-19	✓	✓	✓
	Asymptomatic with exposure (test twice!)	✓	✓	✓

It is NOT recommended to test anyone recovered from SARS-CoV-2 infection in the last 90 days who remains asymptomatic

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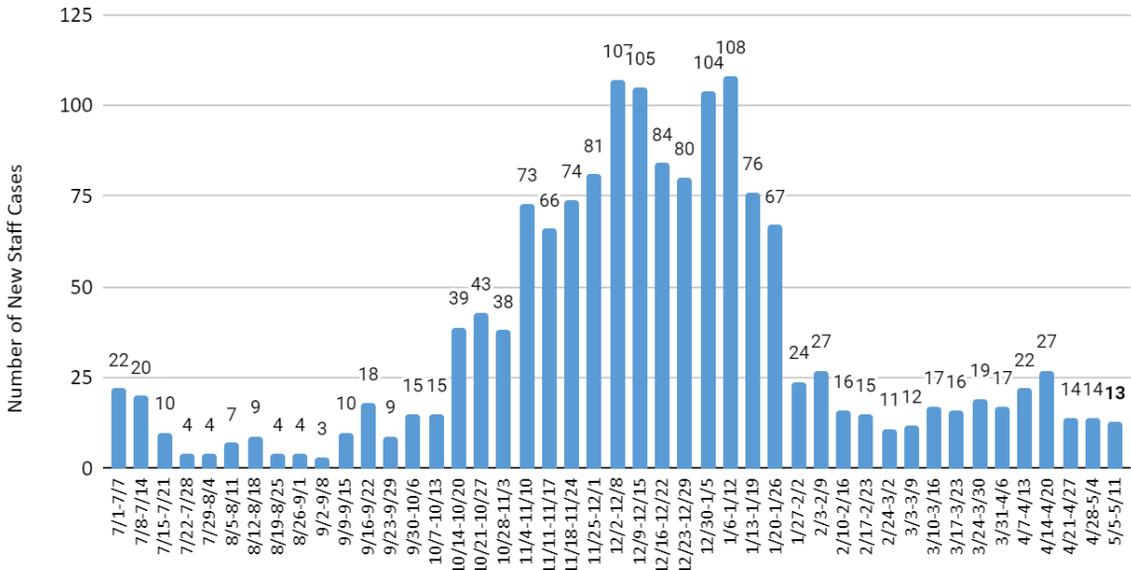
Assisted Living Data

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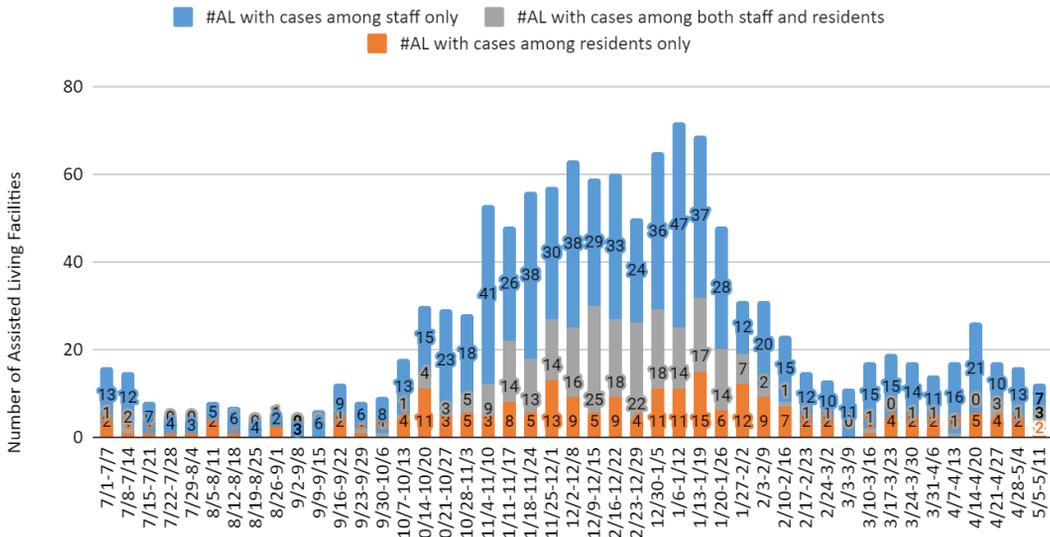
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New Staff Cases in CT Assisted Living Facilities July 1 2020-May 11, 2021



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Assisted Living Facilities with Positive Staff or Residents July 1, 2020-May 11, 2021



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Outbreak Testing in Assisted Living

Memory care units in AL should generally follow NH guidance.

- What type of unit has staff/resident case(s)?
 - If a staff member was in a memory care unit during their infectious period (or a resident in memory care is positive), we recommend everyone (staff and residents) in the memory care unit get tested, regardless of vaccination status.
 - If not in the memory care unit, then anyone who came in close contact with the person with COVID-19 should get tested, regardless of vaccination status.
- Anyone with an exposure, regardless of vaccination status, should have 2 COVID-19 tests: 1 immediately, and another 5-7 days after exposure

Anyone with SARS-CoV-2 [infection in the last 90 days](#) do not need to be tested if they remain asymptomatic, including those with a known contact.

[Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)

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Updated ALSA Reporting Requirements: COVID-19 case reporting to LTC-MAP (as of May 20, 2021)

- **NO MORE DAILY REPORTING if no new cases**
- **NEW: Report COVID-19 cases among staff and residents within 24 hours of detection.** Report all new cases detected since prior report.
- **NEW: ALL ALSAs to report weekly case summaries**
 - INCLUDES ALSAs with all zeroes case counts.
 - Reporting time period is Wed-Tues
 - **Report each WEDNESDAY by 10AM.**
- No more Friday vaccine questions.

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ALSAs: Answer these questions in LTC-MAP weekly, on Wednesdays by 10am.

Residents

1. **NEW cases** - Number of RESIDENTS with a new laboratory positive COVID-19 test reported in the past week:

2. **CUMULATIVE cases** - Cumulative number of RESIDENTS with laboratory positive COVID-19 tests since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020).

3. **NEW deaths** - Number of RESIDENTS with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the facility or another location in the past week:

Staff and Facility Personnel

4. **NEW cases** - Number of STAFF and FACILITY PERSONNEL with a new laboratory positive COVID-19 test reported in the past week:

5. **CUMULATIVE cases** – Cumulative number of STAFF and FACILITY PERSONNEL with laboratory positive COVID-19 tests since the beginning of the pandemic (March 1, 2020)

6. **NEW deaths** - Number of STAFF and FACILITY PERSONNEL with suspected or laboratory positive COVID-19 who died in the past week: