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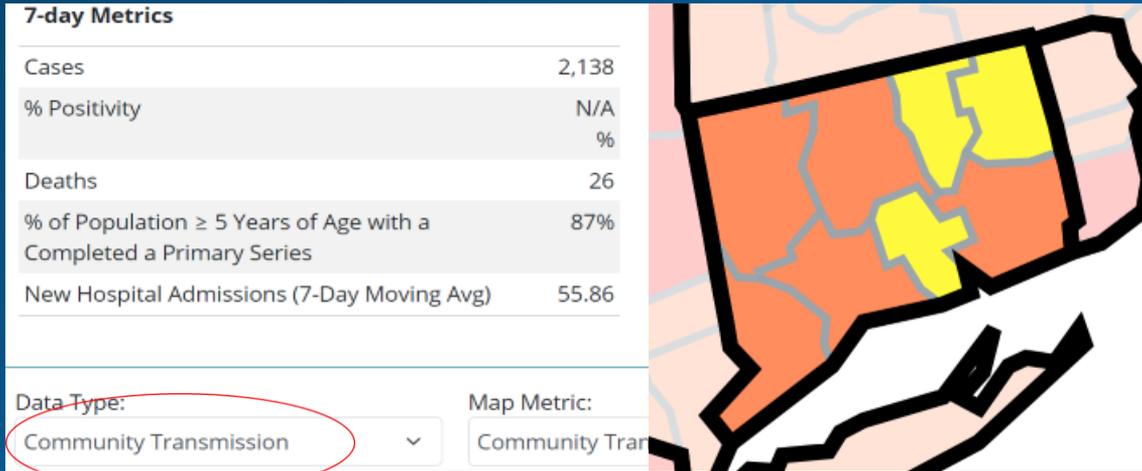
# COVID-19 Nursing Home Data



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# Community Transmission



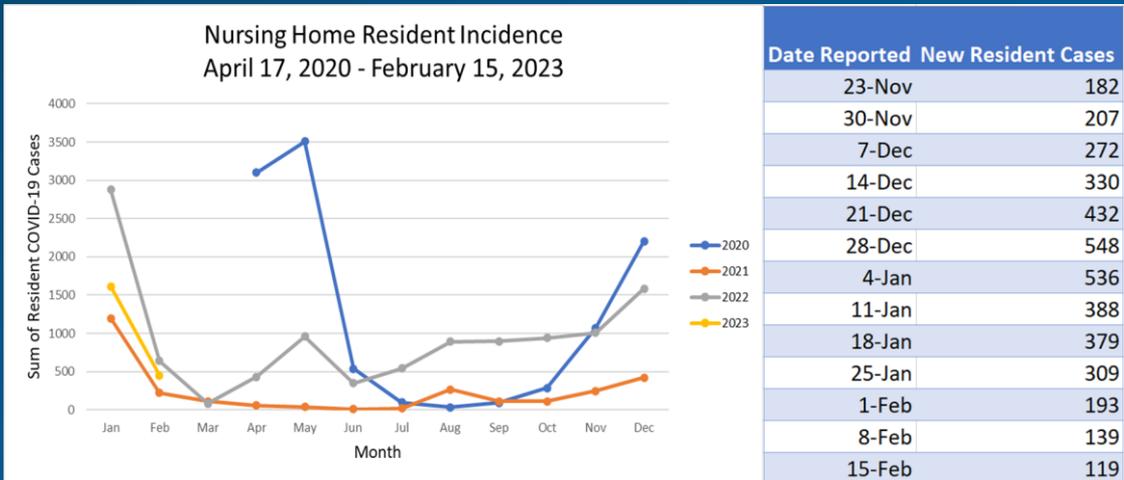
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Source: [CDC COVIDTracker](#)

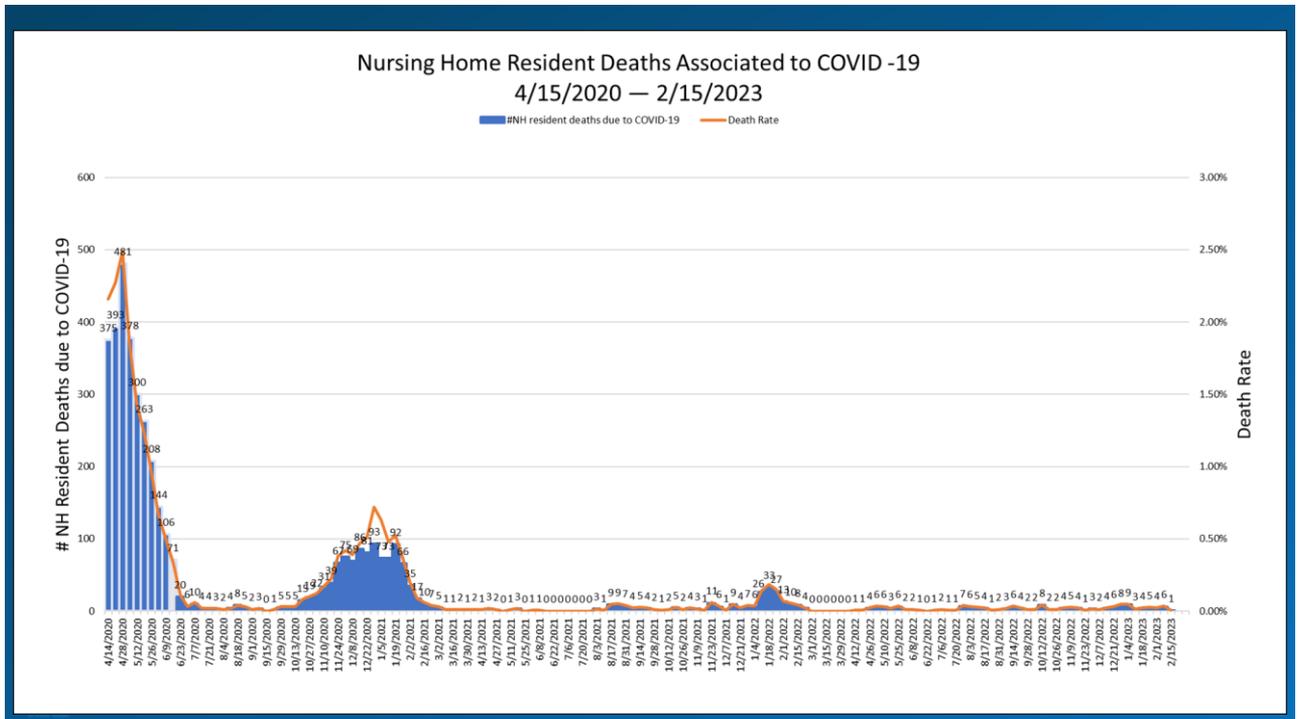
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# Nursing Home Resident Incidence, Statewide April 16, 2020 – February 15, 2023

Resident Census: 19,337

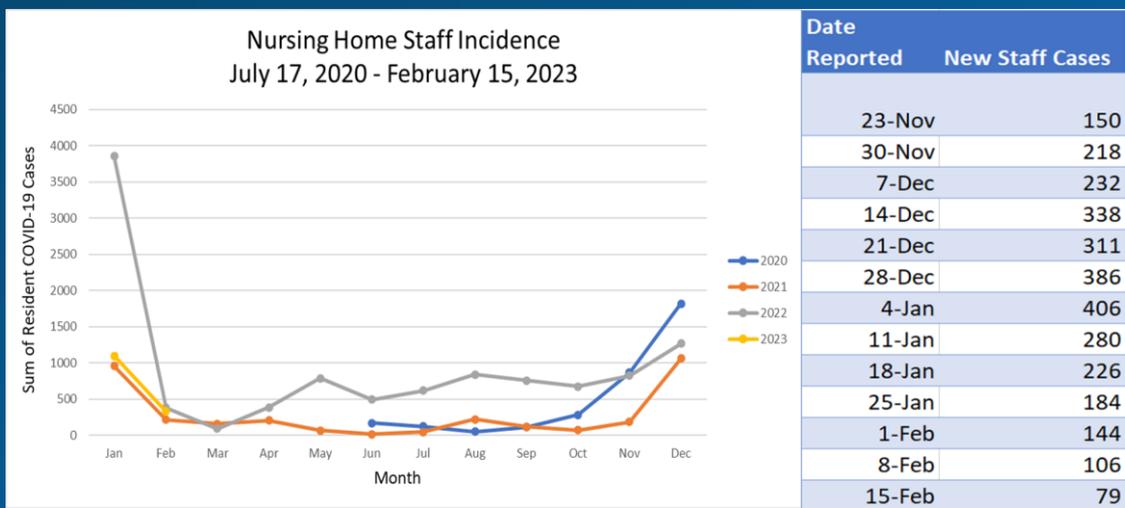


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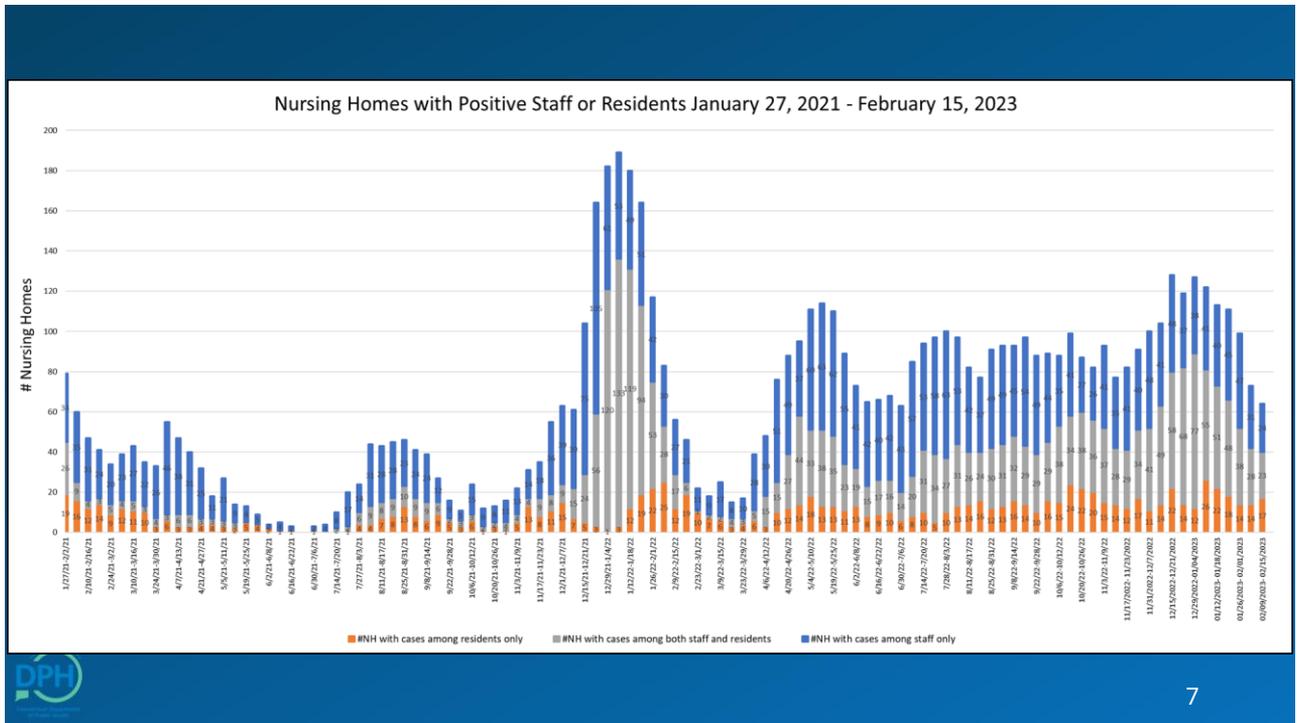


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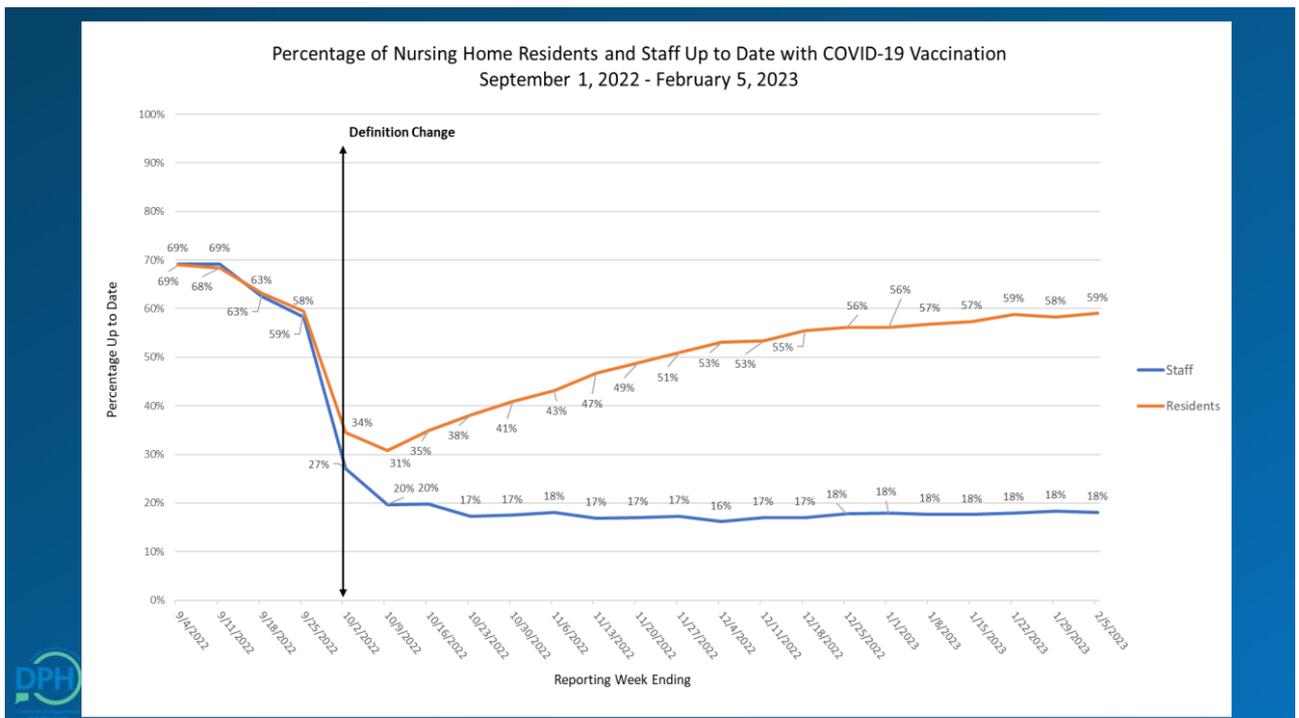
## Nursing Home Staff Incidence, Statewide June 17, 2020 – February 15, 2023



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## Blast Fax 2023-4: Increasing COVID-19 Vaccination Rates Among Nursing Home Residents

- Risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19 increases exponentially with age. [Recent data](#) shows that adults aged 65-74 are 5x more likely to be hospitalized and 60x more likely to die because of COVID-19, and those aged 85+ are 15x more likely to be hospitalized and 340x more likely to die from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. However, vaccine effectiveness wanes over time and the emergence of new variants further emphasizes the importance of vaccination and boosters.
- Starting January 20, 2023 CT DPH will display staff and resident vaccination data reported by nursing homes in the NHSN system on the [COVID-19 In Nursing Homes Page](#).



Source: [Blast Fax 2023-4](#)

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## COVID-19 in Nursing Home Page

We have revamped the nursing home data page!

To access the page:

1. Go to the [COVID-19 Data Resources Home Page](#)
2. Scroll to the middle of the page and click the Nursing Homes icon

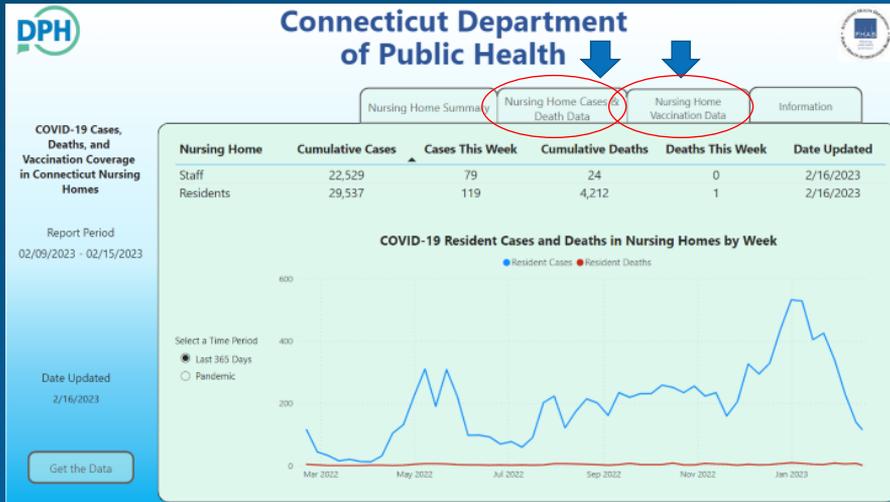
The screenshot shows the 'COVID-19 Data Resources' page. The title 'COVID-19 Data Resources' is circled in red. Below the title, there is a section titled 'See more data stories about COVID-19 in Connecticut' with several icons: 'COVID-19 Vaccination', 'COVID-19 in Schools', 'Nursing Homes' (circled in red with a blue arrow pointing to it), 'Child Care Surveillance', 'Congregate Settings', and 'Economic Impact'.



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# COVID-19 in Nursing Homes Page

- This new version is far more interactive, and each tab allows you to view different data. Above the chart, you will see tabs for Nursing Home Cases and Nursing Home Vaccination Data



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# Nursing Home Vaccination Data

Nursing Home	Town	% Residents Up to Date
Orange Health Care Center	Orange	100%
The Bradley Home	Meriden	97%
Twin Maples Health Care Facility	Durham	97%
Cobalt Health Care & Rehabilitation Center	East Hampton	96%
St. Joseph Residence	Enfield	96%
Touchpoints at Chestnut	East Windsor	96%
Harbor Village	New London	95%
The Suffield House	Suffield	95%
CT Baptist Homes Inc.	Meriden	95%
Avon Health Center	Avon	94%
Crestfield rehabilitation Center and Fenwood Manor	Manchester	94%
Apple Rehab West Haven	West Haven	94%
Kimberly Hall North	Windsor	93%
Bishop-Wicke Health and Rehabilitation	Shelton	93%
Apple Rehab Saybrook	Old Saybrook	92%
LiveWell	Southington	92%
Saint Joseph Living Center	Windham	92%

Nursing Home	Town	% Residents Up to Date
The John L. Levitow Health Care Center	Rocky Hill	91%
West Hartford Health & Rehabilitation Center	West Hartford	91%
Caleb Hitchcock Health Center	Bloomfield	90%
Seabury Health Center	Bloomfield	90%
Essex Meadows Health Center	Essex	90%
Gladeview Rehabilitation and Health Care	Old Saybrook	90%
Monsignor Bojnowski Manor	New Britain	89%
Chesterfield's Health Care Center	Chester	89%
Mattatuck Health Care Facility	Waterbury	89%
Portland Care & Rehabilitation Centre	Portland	88%
Evergreen Woods Health Center	North Branford	87%
Noble Horizons	Salisbury	87%
Regency House of Wallingford	Wallingford	86%
Vernon Manor Health Care Center	Vernon	86%
Mansfield Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation	Mansfield	86%
60 West	Rocky Hill	85%
Jewish Senior Services	Bridgeport	85%
The Summit at Plantsville	Southington	85%

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## Mobile COVID Clinics

- DPH's COVID-19 mobile vaccine clinic program is available to conduct vaccine clinics at long-term care facilities throughout the state
- Open to everyone - residents, staff and family members
- Nursing homes interested in scheduling a mobile vaccination clinic can visit: [ct.gov/dph/mobilevaccines](https://ct.gov/dph/mobilevaccines) and complete the required online intake form.



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## Survey Findings

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## Staffing 3.0

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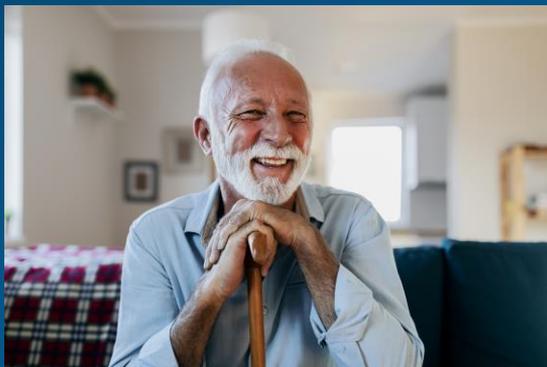
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## Public Act 22-58

### An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2022/act/pa/pdf/2022PA-00058-R00HB-05500-PA.pdf>



Sec. 36. Section 19a-563h of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage): (a) On or before January 1, 2022, the Department of Public Health shall (1) establish minimum staffing level requirements for nursing homes of three hours of direct care per resident per day, and (2) modify staffing level requirements for social work and recreational staff of nursing homes such that the requirements (A) for social work, [are] a number of hours that is based on one full-time social worker per sixty residents and that shall vary proportionally based on the number of residents in the nursing home, and (B) for recreational staff are lower than the current requirements, as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Public Health. (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 that set forth nursing home staffing level requirements to implement the provisions of this section. *The Commissioner of Public Health may implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the provisions of this section while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures as regulations, provided notice of intent to adopt regulations is published on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this section shall be valid until the time final regulations are adopted.*

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The proposed regulation amends Section 19-13-D8t(m) of the Regulations of Connecticut General Statutes to add a definition of “direct care staff”, to require minimum direct care staffing levels of three hours of direct care per resident per day, and to set standards for nursing personnel per resident in nursing homes and rest homes with nursing supervision. The proposed regulation further amends subsection (r) of Section 19-13-D8t to revise the minimum staffing requirements for therapeutic recreation directors in a nursing home or rest home with nursing supervision. Lastly the proposed regulation amends subsection (s) of Section 19-13-D8t to modify the requirements for social work service staffing to ensure sufficient staffing to meet the needs of residents proportional to the number of residents.

***Notably: The requirements for Rest Home with Nursing Supervision (RHNS) have been deleted, rather one requirement for the building.***

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- (1) Each facility shall employ sufficient nurses and nurse's aides to provide appropriate care of patients housed in the facility 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The number, qualifications, and experience of such personnel shall be sufficient to assure that each patient:
- receives treatment, therapies, medications and nourishments as prescribed in the patient care plan developed pursuant to subsection (o) (2) (l) of these regulations;
  - is kept clean, comfortable and well groomed;
  - is protected from accident, incident, infection, or other unusual occurrence.

The facility's administrator and director of nurses shall meet at least once every 30 days in order to determine the number, experience and qualifications of staff necessary to comply with this section. The facility shall maintain written and signed summaries of actions taken and reasons therefore.

There shall be at least one registered nurse on duty 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

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# CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Policy and Procedures



Collaboration with Stakeholders including LTCOP, Leading Age and CAHCF  
Comments considered and a few were accepted  
Office of Policy and Management approval  
Posted in Eregulation system 11/21/22  
Blast Fax to the industry on 12/2/22

### NEXT STEPS

Notice of Intent: 2/15/23  
Implementation Date: March 1, 2023  
Public Comment Period: July 15-August 15, 2023

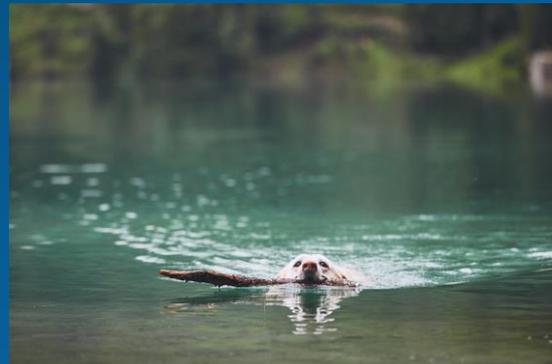
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# CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH What changed?



Minimum staffing levels of  
three hours of direct care per  
resident day, an increase of  
0.46 hours per day





# CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PA 22-58, Policy and Procedures



[(5) (6) In no instance shall a chronic and convalescent nursing home, or rest home with nursing supervision have staff below the following standards:

(A) Licensed nursing personnel:

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: [ .47] .57 hours per [patient] resident

9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: [ .17] .27 hours per [patient] resident

(B) [Total nursing and] Nurse's aide personnel:

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7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: [1.40] 1.60 hours per [patient] resident

9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: [ .50] .56 hours per [patient] resident

[(6) In no instance shall a rest home with nursing supervision staff below the following standards:

(A) Licensed nursing personnel:

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: .23 hours per patient

9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: .08 hours per patient

(B) Total nursing and nurse's aide personnel:

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.: .70 hours per patient

9 p.m. to 7 a.m.: .17 hours per patient]

[(7) In facilities of 61 beds or more, the] (7) The director of nurses or the assistant director of nurses shall not be included in satisfying the requirements of [subdivisions] subdivision (5) [and (6)] of this subsection.

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## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Manisha Juthani, MD  
Commissioner



Ned Lamont  
Governor  
Susan Bysiewicz  
Lt. Governor

FACILITY LICENSING AND INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

### BLAST FAX 2022-33

TO: Chronic and Convalescent Nursing Homes, and Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision Administrators

FROM: Manisha Juthani, MD, Commissioner

CC: Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA  
Adelita Oreffice, MPH, JD, CHC, Chief of Staff  
Barbara Cross, R.N., Acting Section Chief  
Cheryl Davis, R.N., Public Health Services Manager  
Kim Hriceniak, R.N., Public Health Services Manager

DATE: December 2, 2022

SUBJECT: Policy and procedures to implement nursing staffing levels as required by Section 19a-536h of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Please see the attached Policies and Procedures posted to the Connecticut eRegulations System, November 21, 2022.

They can also be accessed at the link below:

<https://www.regulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Search?pdDocument?num=1A00A9B84-0000-CF19-9BE0-C964E80B458D>

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### What Else

#### Previous Requirements

##### 19-13-d8t (s) **Social Work.**

(5) Social work service staff shall be employed in each facility sufficient to meet the needs of the **patients** but not less than the following ratio of hours per week to the number of **licensed beds** in the facility:

- (A) One (1) to thirty (30) **beds**, ten (10) hours per week.
- (B) Thirty-one (31) to sixty (60) beds, twenty (20) hours per week.
- (C) Each additional thirty (30) beds or fraction thereof, ten (10) additional hours.

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(5) Social work service staff shall be employed in each facility sufficient to meet the needs of the residents but not less than one full-time social worker for a nursing home with sixty residents, such total number of hours shall vary proportionally based on the number of residents in the nursing home based on the following ratio of hours per week to the number of residents in the facility:

- (A) One to thirty residents, sixteen hours per week.
- (B) Thirty-one residents or greater, sixteen hours per week plus 1.6 hours for each additional three residents in excess of thirty residents.\*

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### Therapeutic Recreation

#### Previous Requirements

(3) Therapeutic recreation director(s) shall be employed in each facility sufficient to meet the following ratio of hours per week to the number of licensed beds in the facility:

- 1 to 15 beds, 10 hours during any three days;
- 16 to 30 beds, 20 hours during any five days;
- Each additional 30 beds or fraction thereof, 20 additional hours.

#### PA 22-58/P+P

(3) Therapeutic recreation director or directors shall be employed in each facility sufficient to meet the following ratio of hours per week to the number of licensed beds in the facility:

- (A) 1 to 15 beds, nine hours during any three days;
- (B) (B) 16 to 30 beds, nineteen hours during any five days; and
- (C) Each additional 30 beds or fraction thereof, nineteen additional hours.

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Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Provider Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surveyor Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surveyor Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Staffing Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

**SURVEYOR NOTES WORKSHEET- Staffing**

**Census:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

7 a.m.- 9p.m.	Need	Have 7:3P ____x8 3:3P ____x8	9p.m.- 7a.m.	Need	Have 9:11P ____x2 11:7A ____x8
License					
Nurse Aide					

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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License					
Nurse Aide					

7:00A.M. – 9:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.- 7:00 a.m.

Residents	License	N/A	Totals	Residents	License	N/A	Total
10	5.7	16.0	21.7	10	2.7	5.6	8.3
20	10.4	32.0	42.0	20	5.4	11.2	16.6
30	17.1	48.0	65.1	30	8.1	16.8	24.9
40	22.8	64.0	86.8	40	10.8	22.4	33.2
50	28.5	80.0	108.5	50	13.5	28	41.5
60	34.2	96.0	130.2	60	16.2	33.6	49.8
70	39.9	112.0	151.9	70	18.9	39.2	58.1
80	45.6	128.0	173.6	80	21.6	44.8	66.4
90	51.3	144.0	195.3	90	24.3	50.4	74.7
100	57.0	160.0	217.0	100	27	56	83

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## Enforcement

**Sec. 19a-562h. Failure to comply with nursing home facility staffing level requirement. Disciplinary action and citation. Posting and inclusion in Department of Public Health listing.** (a) If the Commissioner of Public Health finds that a nursing home facility has substantially failed to comply with a nursing home facility staffing level requirement established pursuant to the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, the commissioner may (1) take any disciplinary action against the nursing home facility permitted under section 19a-494, and (2) issue or cause to be issued a citation to the licensee of such nursing home facility pursuant to the provisions of section 19a-524.

(b) A citation of a nursing home facility staffing level requirement set forth in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies shall be prominently posted in the nursing home facility and included in the listing prepared by the Department of Public Health pursuant to the provisions of section 19a-540. (P.A. 19-89, S. 3.)

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### (m) **Nursing staff:**

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