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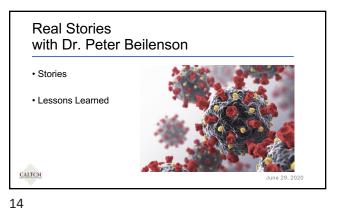
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Discuss real life scenario
 Review recommended solutions
 Discuss best practices

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Scenario

- A 3-story skilled nursing facility with 250 beds reported having 7 residents with fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath. These residents were tested for COVID-19 by nasopharyngeal swabbing. Five of these residents tested positive for COVID which
- triggered mass testing of all employees and residents. Sixteen of the healthcare workers
- subsequently tested positive.



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What Did the Facility Do Next?

- Implemented Transmission-based isolation precautions (Contact& Droplet Precautions in addition to face shield or goggles)
- Stop communal dining and communal activities
- Stop visitors and non-essential people from entering facility
- Enforce universal masking and social distancing
- Conduct symptom and temperature screening of healthcare workers before entering facility
- Reviewed layout of facility and established a COVID+ unit (Red Zone), as well as unit for quarantining persons under investigation (PUI)(Yellow Zone), and Green Zone for residents who are COVID naive
- Also established a unit for new admissions for quarantine (AQU)
- Provide separation of dialysis residents
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Additional Information

- · Before moving a resident from yellow to green unit, test resident, and if negative move to green area
- When testing symptomatic residents, they require 2 negative tests taken at least 24 hours apart before they can be considered for returning to green
- · When admitting or readmitting residents they must go to yellow zone for 14
- days

 They must be tested on admission and then again at the end of
- If negative at the end of quarantine time, they can be transferred to Green Unit.

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Education

protective equipment (PPE)

• How to utilize Transmission-Based Isolation Practices

· Educate and demonstrate donning and doffing of personal

· Importance of frequent environmental cleaning and

· Post signs with clear messaging of what PPE to be used

What Did the Facility Do Next? · Mass testing · Responsive testing · Surveillance testing start when no new cases identified or after 2 sequential rounds of response testing · 25% of healthcare workers weekly · 10% of residents weekly CALTCM June 29, 2020

Education

- Review infection prevention and control practices with staff
- · Train on how the different zones (Red, Yellow, and Green) will operate
 - Red Zone- will house COVID positive residents
 - Yellow Zone- will house residents who are under investigation, another yellow area which is for newly admitted or readmitted residents
 - Green Zone- reserved for COVID naïve residents and graduates from yellow zone (recithose who finished incubation period)
 - Never had symptoms and are asymptomatic
 - Cohorting of staff by unit <u>VERY IMPORTANT TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION</u>
 - Separate entrance to Red Zone
 - · Separate break rooms and bathrooms
 - Keep doors closed in red and yellow unit

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When to Discontinue Isolation

- · One of two strategies to use for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions:
 - - Test 2 times with PCR test to be done at least 24 hours apart
 - · This method is preferred for immuno-compromised residents or on chemotherapy
 - Symptom based
 - If testing is not available, 14 days from symptom onset AND at least 3 days (72 hours) afebrile without the use of antipyretic medications AND improvement of respiratory symptoms



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PREporting Connect with your local public health department and work closely with them Submit reports on time to National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and other local health departments (ensure your information is consistent) It is the responsibility of each facility to report deaths of their residents with COVID



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