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AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home  
COVID-19 Action Network



# Welcome and Announcements

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# Announcements

- Please type your ***name, email, and facility name*** in the chat box for us and ECHO Institute to capture your attendance – **this is for training center accountability**
- Please type your questions in the chat box, and they will be addressed during the situation discussion and/or the Q&A
- The materials from the sessions are available for you to download from our website
- The recording of the sessions, which are required by AHRQ and ECHO Institute, are available only for special circumstances and a request must be made to Krista Brown
- Throughout the week, if you have questions, concerns, or issues to raise, please send Krista an email at [Krista.Brown@unmc.edu](mailto:Krista.Brown@unmc.edu)
- IHI does not have a Quality Improvement Certification and the opportunity for additional federal funding is unclear given the change in the White House administration
- **As voted last week, we are starting on the core domain "Emotional and Organizational Support for Staff"**

# Week 3 Agenda

| Time        | Subject  | Speaker/Facilitator       |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1200 - 1205 | Welcome and Announcements  | Deborah Levy              |
| 1205 - 1215 | COVID-19 Update  | Deborah Levy              |
| 1215 - 1220 | Poll Question #1   | Krista Brown              |
| 1220 - 1255 | Staff Wellbeing Depends on Trauma<br>Informed Principles, Discussion, & Videos | Matt Beacom<br>Peg Bradke |
| 1255 - 1300 | Poll Question #2   | Krista Brown              |
| 1300 - 1330 | Continued Discussion and Q&A   | Public Health Core Team   |

# Core Domains

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# Content – Core Domains

“What do Nursing Homes need to implement systems that help prevent, manage, and improve COVID-19 outcomes?”

1. Post-vaccination practices – visitation policies, PPE practices
2. Ongoing COVID-19 identification and treatment – plan for recognizing patients with COVID, post-COVID syndromes, testing, treatment, and cohorting
3. Emotional and organizational support for staff
4. Vaccinations – vaccine confidence, testing, logistics, ongoing compliance and complications
5. Addressing and supporting the needs of resident and families or care partners – isolation, family communications
6. Stopping the spread (infection control) – building sustainable infection control practices
7. Leadership communication for COVID-19 – huddles, rounding, etc.
8. Leadership behaviors to support teams during COVID-19 – teamwork, roles, and psychological safety

# Current State of the Pandemic

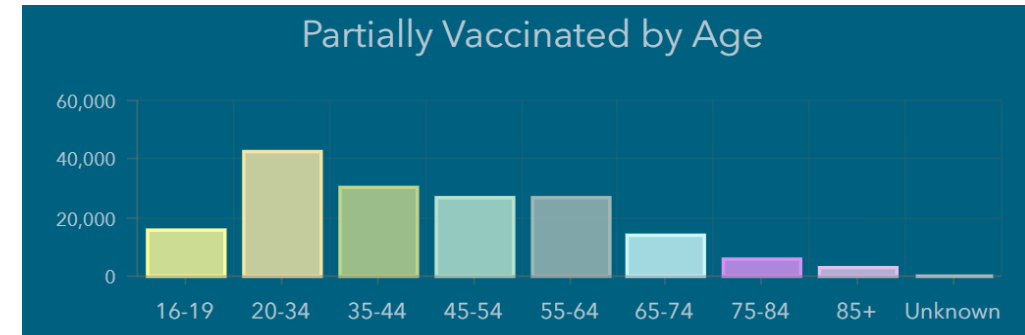
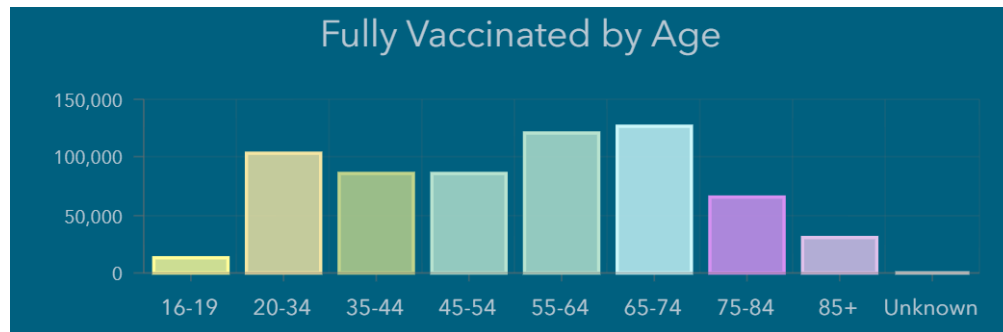
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# COVID-19 Updates – State of Nebraska as of 5/4/2021

- Fully vaccinated 45.1%, partially vaccinated 11.6%, for a total of 56.7% having received at least one dose



[https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ece0db09da4d4ca68252c3967aa1e9dd/page/page\\_1](https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ece0db09da4d4ca68252c3967aa1e9dd/page/page_1)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – 1

- Both mRNA COVID-19 vaccines (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna) protect against COVID-19-related hospitalization among adults 65 years and older
  - Fully vaccinated were 94% less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than people of the same age who were not vaccinated
  - Partially vaccinated were 64% less likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 than people who were not vaccinated
- First real-world findings in the United States confirming clinical trial data showing mRNA vaccines prevent severe COVID-19 illness
- This assessment is one of many planned COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness assessments to evaluate the real-world benefits of COVID-19 vaccines

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Update – 2

- Anxiety-Related Adverse Event Clusters After Janssen COVID-19 Vaccination — Five U.S. Mass Vaccination Sites, April 2021
  - Syncope (fainting) and other anxiety-related events can occur after vaccination and have been reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS) for other vaccines
  - At five sites, there were 64 anxiety-related events, including 17 events of syncope after receipt of Janssen COVID-19 vaccine

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- Safety Monitoring of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, March–April 2021
  - Review of safety monitoring data found that 97% of reported reactions after vaccine receipt were nonserious, consistent with preauthorization clinical trials data
  - Seventeen thrombotic events with thrombocytopenia have been reported, including three non-CVST events

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# COVID-19 Clinical Update

- LY-CoV1404 Potently Neutralizes SARS-CoV-2 Variants
  - LY-CoV1404 is a highly potent, neutralizing, SARS-CoV-2 spike glycoprotein receptor binding domain (RBD)-specific antibody identified from a convalescent COVID-19 patient approximately 60 days after symptom onset
  - In pseudovirus studies, LY-CoV1404 retains potent neutralizing activity against numerous variants including B.1.1.7, B.1.351, B.1.427/B.1.429, P.1, and B.1.526 and binds to these variants in the presence of their underlying RBD mutations (which include K417N, L452R, E484K, and N501Y)

<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.04.30.442182v2>

**Note:** references for the May 5 early release CDC MMWRs that were presented can be found at the end of the slide deck on the vaccine reference slide 2

# Weekly Poll #1

What processes or procedures have you or your team implemented in the last week at your facility that you'd like to share with the group?

Remember: We all learn from successes and challenges.



## 6 Principles of Trauma-Informed Care

A trauma-informed approach reflects adherence to six key principles rather than a prescribed set of practices or procedures. These principles may be generalizable across multiple types of settings, although terminology and application may be setting- or service-specific:

1. Safety
2. Trustworthiness and Transparency
3. Peer support
4. Collaboration and mutuality
5. Empowerment, voice and choice
6. Cultural, Historical, and Gender Issues\*

*Adapted from SAMHSA's (2014) Trauma-Informed Care in Behavioral Health Services*

# Building a Culture of Emotional Safety and Trust to Support Staff Wellbeing

## Session 1 – Let's get curious before we get Judgmental

How to use “What Matters to You?” to improve processes and wellbeing for our team.

# Why Staff Wellbeing Matters: By the Numbers

- The average cost to replace an employee in nursing home facilities ranges from \$3,500-\$5,000.
- Turnover rates ranging from 40-75% and organizations can easily spend \$375,000 or more in employee turnover over the course of the year.
- Turnover and burnout compromises resident care and outcomes.
- Dissatisfied staff create toxic culture among colleagues and between leaders, which can lead to poor reputation in the community.

*“If you take care of your team, they will deliver the care you expect for your residents?”*

*“In all the years I’ve worked here, I’ve come away with so much more than I have given to anybody. I have become a better person, a kinder person, a better listener, because of the residents.”*

<https://www.onshift.com/blog/senior-care-staff-turnover-by-the-numbers-why-it-matters-to-you>

Mukamel DB, Spector WD, Limcangco R, Wang Y, Feng Z, Mor V. The costs of turnover in nursing homes. *Med Care*. 2009;47(10):1039-1045. doi:10.1097/MLR.0b013e3181a3cc62

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nextavenue/2019/06/11/what-some-nursing-homes-do-to-retain-quality-staff/?sh=76eaa0a4589b>

# How is Emotional Safety and Trust being Built into Your Processes to Support Staff Wellbeing?

## Characteristics of Emotional Safety:

- Feeling **empowered to speak up**, safe to discuss challenges, **zero tolerance for blaming**, bullying or retaliation.

## Characteristics of Trust:

- **Respect**, compassion and a **genuine desire to be present**.
- **Predictability** with processes and daily activities.
- How situations are handled when circumstances provoke **feelings of being vulnerable or unsafe**. Showing **Empathy**.

## Processes:

- Morning meeting – Shout outs
- Staff and Resident rounds
- Huddles
- Hallway Encounters
- Shadowing



# Empathy Differs from Sympathy...

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## Brene Brown - Empathy

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Shorts

# Ways We Erode Empathy:

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## Painting a “Silver-Lining”

- We often default to painting on a silver lining when we are dealing with difficult subjects

## “At Least...” Responses

- We try to make others feel better by offering an “At Least” response

## Inadvertently Communicating the Wrong Message

- Language can create distance.

## Ineffective Apologies

- I’m sorry but...

# Non-Verbals that Erode Empathy

## Our behaviors can speak volumes

- Hand on the door while asking, “Do you have any questions?”
- Looking down at the desk, shuffling papers while talking
- Lack of eye contact, crossed arms, slouching, eye rolling



# What Right Sounds Like...

- *Acknowledge* anxiety
- *Acknowledge* fear
- *Acknowledge* pain and suffering



- *Increases* trust
- *Increases* adherence
- *Improves* comfort and allows team members to ask more questions/speak up

# What Could We Do This Week?

- Ask 5 staff in different roles:
  - What does emotional safety look, feel, and sound like in our nursing home? On a scale of 1-10 how comfortable are you coming to our leadership team with a question/concern?
  - What does trust look, feel, and sound like in our nursing home? How can we support a trusting environment for you?
- Ask and get feedback from residents/families
- How can we learn and use this feedback for improvement?

# Other Rounding Questions



- What makes you feel valued at work?
- What talents or interests do you have that we have not tapped into?
- What skills would you like to build?
- If you could change something about your job, what would it be?
- Do you feel you are part of the bigger team and vision for our work?
- How do you want to be recognized?
- Is there anything I should know about you, that you want to share?
- What assignments give you the most Stress?

# Weekly Poll #2

What processes or procedures will you or your team implement in the next week at your facility that you'd like to share with the group?

Remember: We all learn from successes and challenges.



# Wrap up

- Final comments or questions?
- Any topics you would like the faculty to discuss next week?
- We would like to learn from you! Please share your ideas for tests of change, success stories, challenges, and innovations by emailing us.
- 1:1 and small group coaching is available from your coach and Training Center Team.

# References and Resources – 1

- TIP 57 Trauma-Informed Care in Behavioral Health Services by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), <https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/sma14-4816.pdf>
- Trauma-Informed Organizational Change Manual From the University of Buffalo, <http://socialwork.buffalo.edu/social-research/institutes-centers/institute-on-trauma-and-trauma-informed-care/Trauma-Informed-Organizational-Change-Manual0.html>
- KFF/The Washington Post Frontline Health Care Workers Survey, [KFF/The Washington Post Frontline Health Care Workers Survey | KFF](#)
- Emotional and Psychological Trauma, KFF/The Washington Post Frontline Health Care Workers Survey, [KFF/The Washington Post Frontline Health Care Workers Survey | KFF](#)
- 6 Principles of Trauma-Informed Care, <https://www.samhsa.gov/nctic/trauma-interventions>

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- Trauma-Informed Organizational Change Manual From the University of Buffalo, <http://socialwork.buffalo.edu/social-research/institutes-centers/institute-on-trauma-and-trauma-informed-care/Trauma-Informed-Organizational-Change-Manual0.html>
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- What Some Nursing Homes do to Retain Quality Staff, <https://www.forbes.com/sites/nextavenue/2019/06/11/what-some-nursing-homes-do-to-retain-quality-staff/?sh=76eaa0a4589b>

# References and Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines – 1

- Effectiveness of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines Against COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Adults Aged ≥65 Years — United States, January–March 2021

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## References and Resources for COVID-19 Vaccines – 2

- Rapid Emergence and Epidemiologic Characteristics of the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.526 Variant — New York City, New York, January 1–April 5, 2021

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7019e1.htm?s\\_cid=mm7019e1\\_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC\\_921-DM56423&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20May%205%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC\\_921-DM56423](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7019e1.htm?s_cid=mm7019e1_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM56423&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20May%205%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM56423)

- Identification of and Surveillance for the SARS-CoV-2 Variants B.1.427 and B.1.429 — Colorado, January–March 2021

[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7019e2.htm?s\\_cid=mm7019e2\\_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC\\_921-DM56423&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20May%205%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC\\_921-DM56423](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7019e2.htm?s_cid=mm7019e2_e&ACSTrackingID=USCDC_921-DM56423&ACSTrackingLabel=MMWR%20Early%20Release%20-%20Vol.%2070%2C%20May%205%2C%202021&deliveryName=USCDC_921-DM56423)

- Modeling of Future COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths, by Vaccination Rates and Nonpharmaceutical Intervention Scenarios — United States, April–September 2021

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