Long Term Care Facilities

- From the beginning, we were doing everything possible to prevent outbreaks in long-term care facilities
  - Limit visitation
  - No communal activities
  - Screening
- Encouraged every facility to have a preparedness plan
  - Reached out to every facility and by March 27 had hand-delivered this guidance to all 535 nursing homes and 202 free-standing long-term care facilities in the state
- Waived regulations to give facilities flexibility
Long Term Care Facilities

• Slow outbreaks with strike teams of a driver, a nurse surveyor, an infection control expert, and an epidemiologist
  • Testing
  • Infection control
  • Striketeamrequest@isdh.in.gov

• Partnered with a local company, Probari, a team comprised of a geriatric physician and nurses that work closely with us to do follow-up education and training

• Follow up if cases continue
  • Since we began our strike teams on March 17, we have made 195 visits to facilities in over 45 counties and tested over 500 residents and staff

Long Term Care Facilities

• Prepare for the surge
  • Develop guidelines for establishing COVID-19 dedicated long-term facilities
  • This would allow a long-term care facility, in collaboration with a health department and local hospitals, to be a location to care for people with COVID-19 who no longer require hospital care but are not able to go back home or to their previous long-term care facilities
THANK YOU!

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