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ISDH-LTC COVID-19 Update

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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



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- 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



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- 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



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THANK YOU!

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