

SUMMARY



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Screening tips



- ▶ Strategically screen staff, residents and visitors
 - ▶ COVID testing rate is proportional to community prevalence
 - ▶ Outbreaks require every 3 day testing x 2 weeks
- ▶ Train staff and assess training efficacy on proper screening protocols

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Quality Improvement tips

- ▶ Use Quality Improvement to strengthen infection control
- ▶ Create PIPs for screening
Examples:
 - ▶ Assess staff's knowledge of atypical presentation of COVID in older adults
 - ▶ Investigate use of sniff test as an adjunct to usual screening

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Specific	Is the statement precise about what the team hopes to achieve?
Measurable	Are the objectives measurable? Will you know whether the changes resulted in improvement?
Achievable	Is this doable in the time you have? Are you attempting too much? Could you do more?
Realistic / Relevant	Do you have the resources needed (people, time, support?) Aligns with mission
Timely	Do you identify the timeline for the project – when will you accomplish each part?

SMART
acronym
for QAPI

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Questions



- ▶ On a 1 – 5 scale with 5 being highly confident and 1 being not at all confident, how confident are you that 100 % of your staff know how atypical manifestations of COVID-19 in residents (respond in chat box) ? to recognize

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Questions



- ▶ Are the screening protocols detailed in the Infection Prevention and Control Program ? If yes, are they updated ?
- ▶ Does the facility have a poster or signage to inform people entering the nursing home about screening procedures ?

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Questions

- ▶ Are daily screens documented centrally and reported to leadership ?
- ▶ Are staff, residents and visitors being asked about ways to improve the screening process ?

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Questions for leadership

- ▶ Are staff monitored for accurate knowledge of screening processes ?
 - ▶ Example: teach back method on recognizing hypoactive delirium
- ▶ Is there documentation that the Infection Control person is consistently following screening policies ?
- ▶ Does the Medical Director know what actions are to be taken when a staff member screens COVID + ?

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