

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE QUALITY

THE SIX STRATEGIES FOR COVID RESPONSE IN SKILLED NURSING
FACILITIES AND NURSING HOMES



EXPANSION OF INFECTION PREVENTION (IP) WORKFORCE RESOURCES

Expand IP workforce and PPE resources within facilities and local health departments (LHDs), the CDPH IP workforce and SNF IP workforce.



EXPANSION OF INFECTION PREVENTION (IP) EDUCATION

Increase IP core competencies in facility staff and state surveyors and with other local public health staff.



ADOPT A SNF MODEL

Reform the quality and safety healthcare facility oversight process to include continuous presence in facilities to create a consistent compliance culture.



BASELINE SURVEILLANCE, RESPONSE TESTING AND COHORTING PLAN

Baseline test all SNF healthcare workers (HCW), surveillance test 25% of HCWs weekly and test everyone in a facility as soon as they have a single case to immediately cohort positive residents and staff. Require insurance to cover cost.



PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS

Use data to identify high risk facilities for early intervention; and use the data to shape the public narrative to reduce fear.



QUALITY AND SAFETY OVERSIGHT MOBILE APP

Overhaul the healthcare facility oversight system from paper/manual processes to electronic, automated and mobile system to capture real-time data to track, trend and monitor facilities.