# Long-term care facilities in the context of COVID-19



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The COVID-19 pandemic affects older people disproportionately, especially those living in long-term care facilities (LTCF) with significant impact on mortality and morbidity. Concerted action is needed to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by enhancing infection prevention and control (IPC) measures within LTCF. The COVID-19 IPC course for LTCF consists of 4 training modules to be used in conjunction with the LTCF communication toolkit and preparedness checklist. This package is tailored for LTCF and based on WHO's in-depth technical guidance on IPC.

📅 Self-paced

🌐 Language: English

🏷 COVID-19

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## Course information

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**Overview:** The COVID-19 pandemic affects older people disproportionately, especially those living in long-term care facilities (LTCF) with significant impact on mortality and morbidity. Concerted action is needed to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by enhancing infection prevention and control (IPC) measures within LTCF. In many countries, long-term care facilities have weak IPC systems and training in place and staff lack the access to information on limiting transmission in the context of COVID-19. Strengthening IPC practice is crucial to prevent spread of COVID-19. The COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Communication Toolkit for Long-Term Care Facilities provides simple and actionable visuals for staff, residents and visitors with key IPC messages. The COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist is a tool consisting of several elements that are crucial for preparing LTCF for COVID-19. It can be used by facility administrators, IPC focal points or staff, internal or external professionals.

This course consists of 4 modules that address infection prevention and control measures to support LTCF in the context of COVID-19.

**Learning objectives:** By the end of this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe infection prevention and control principles and practices relevant to long-term care facilities for patient and staff safety during COVID-19
- Apply the COVID-19 Long-term Care Facility Checklist to their place of work
- Identify practices to safely manage long-term care facility residents during COVID-19
- Understand how to support themselves and each other as staff of long-term care facilities during COVID-19

**Course duration:** Approximately 2 hours.

**Certificates:** A Record of Achievement will be available to participants who score **at least 80%** of the total points available across all of the quizzes.

## Course contents

### Module 1: COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Package for Long-Term Care Facilities:

By the end of this module, you should be able to: describe how infectious diseases can be spread; explain how to prevent spread of infectious diseases; describe how COVID-19 is spread; explain how to prevent the spread of COVID-19

### Module 2: Performing the COVID-19 Preparedness Checklist for Long-Term Care Facilities:

By the end of this module, you should be able to: understand the purpose of the preparedness checklist; describe the process for use the checklist; use the checklist in the long-term care facility; identify and

prioritise items that need to be addressed

## Module 3: Caring for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities during COVID-19:

By the end of this module, you should be able to: understand how to manage the care of residents to prevent spread of COVID-19; understand how to manage the long-term care facility environment to prevent spread of COVID-19; describe how to prevent visitors spreading COVID-19 in long-term care facilities

## Module 4: Protection and Support of Staff of Long-Term Care Facilities during COVID-19:

By the end of this module, you should be able to: describe how you can protect yourself in the workplace from COVID-19; identify how to protect yourself outside of the workplace; understand your options to cope with stress

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## Certificate Requirements

- Gain a **record of achievement** by earning at least **80%** of the maximum number of points from all graded assignments.

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