



Long-Term Care Weekly Call

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Disease Impact – United States *as of 12.27.20*

Resident and Staff Cases and Deaths

TOTAL RESIDENT COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES

497,693

TOTAL RESIDENT COVID-19 DEATHS

97,106

TOTAL STAFF COVID-19 CONFIRMED CASES

425,357

TOTAL STAFF COVID-19 DEATHS

1,292

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg/>



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Long Term Care in South Dakota

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Centers

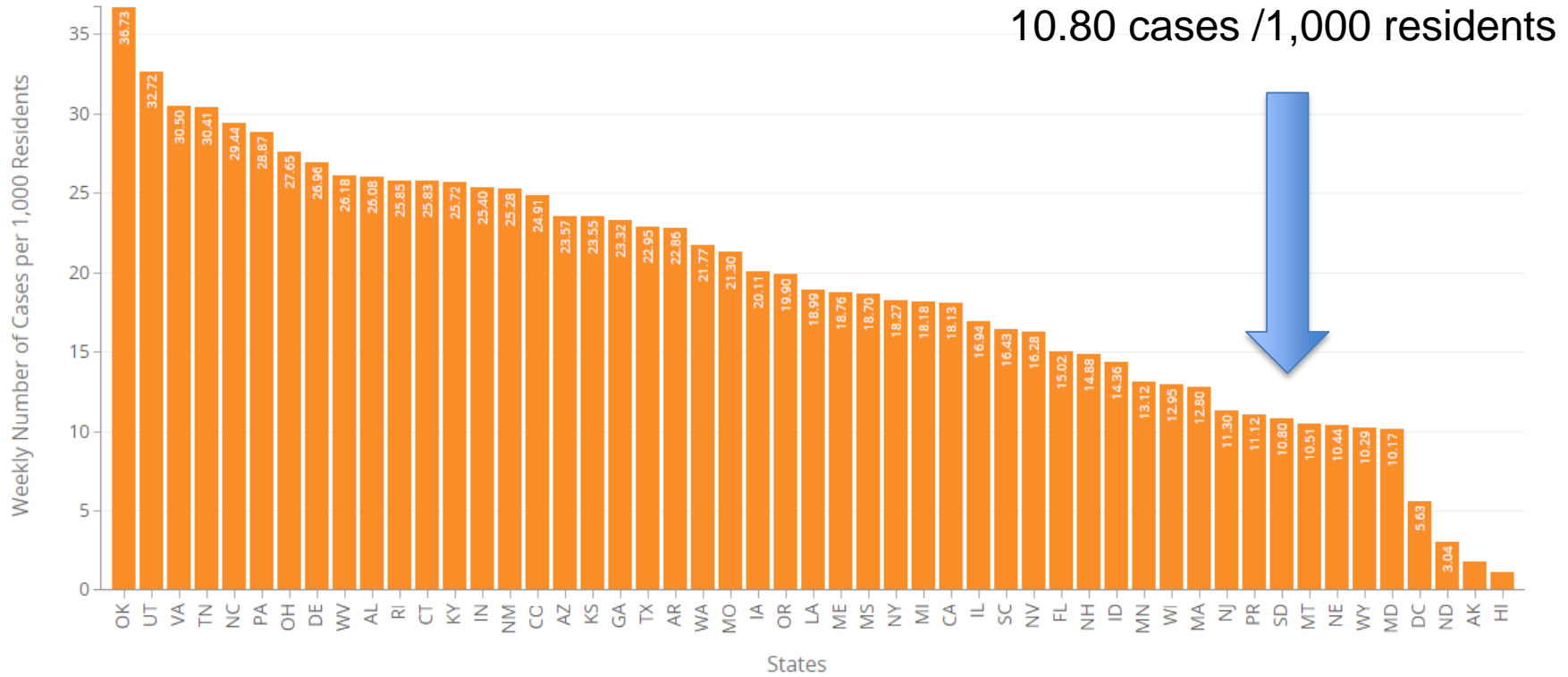
- **Current Total of LTC Facilities with Case – 66* (37 case in staff only)**
- **Cumulative Total LTC Facilities with Case – 213**
- **Cumulative Total Resident Active Cases – 266***
- **Cumulative Total Resident Cases – 3,214**
- **Cumulative Total Resident Deaths – 742**
- **Total Active Cases in Staff – 113***
- **Cumulative Total Case in Staff – 1,160**
- **Cumulative Total Staff Hospitalized – 29**

**self-reported by touch-base calls as of 1.12.2021 - all data is provisional
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Resident Cases and Deaths per 1,000 Residents

Weekly Resident Cases per 1,000 Residents

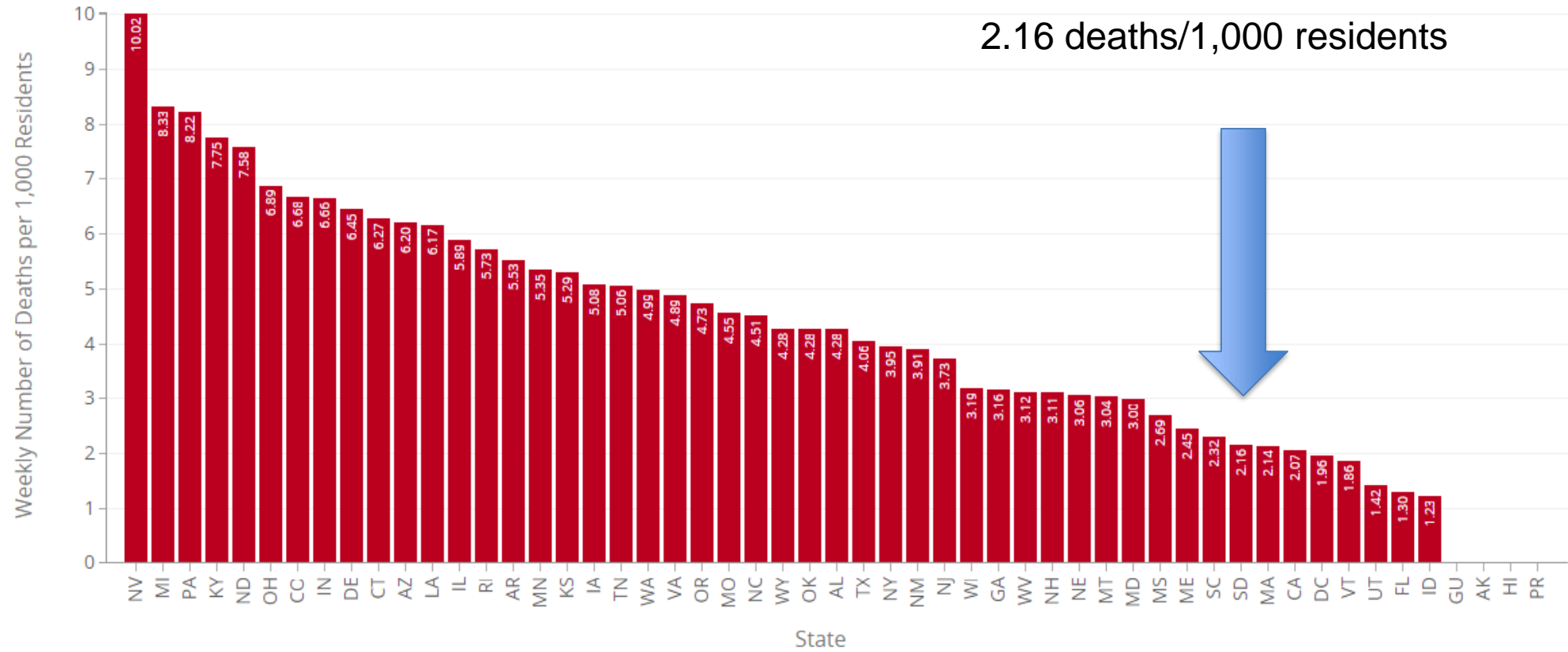


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Weekly Resident Deaths per 1,000 Residents



as of 12.27.20



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Continue to remain vigilant.

- Regardless of the vaccination status of residents and staff in your facility, current CMS and CDC guidance remain in affect.
- Continue to follow current Infection Control, PPE, and Visitation guidance.
- Providers should continue to follow the Core Principle until new guidance is provided by CMS and CDC.

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- **Screening** of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions or observations about signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms
- **Hand hygiene** (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- **Face covering or mask** (covering mouth and nose)
- **Social distancing** at least six feet between persons
- **Instructional signage** throughout the facility and proper **visitor education** on COVID19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- **Cleaning and disinfecting** high frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate use of **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- **Effective cohorting** of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated COVID-19 care)
- **Resident and staff testing** are accessible

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Infection Prevention Updates as of January 11, 2021

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Updates to Antigen Testing Considerations

Summary of Changes

Updates as of January 7, 2021

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- Revised guidance on when to perform confirmatory tests. In general, asymptomatic people who test antigen positive should have a confirmatory test performed. Symptomatic people who test antigen negative should have a confirmatory test performed.
- Confirmatory test should be performed with nucleic acid amplifications tests (NAAT) such as reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR).
- Expanded the intended audience to include all long-term care facilities, including nursing homes.
- Added links to [Point of Care Testing](#) and [Testing and Management Considerations for Nursing Home Residents with Acute Respiratory Illness Symptoms when SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Viruses are Co-circulating](#)

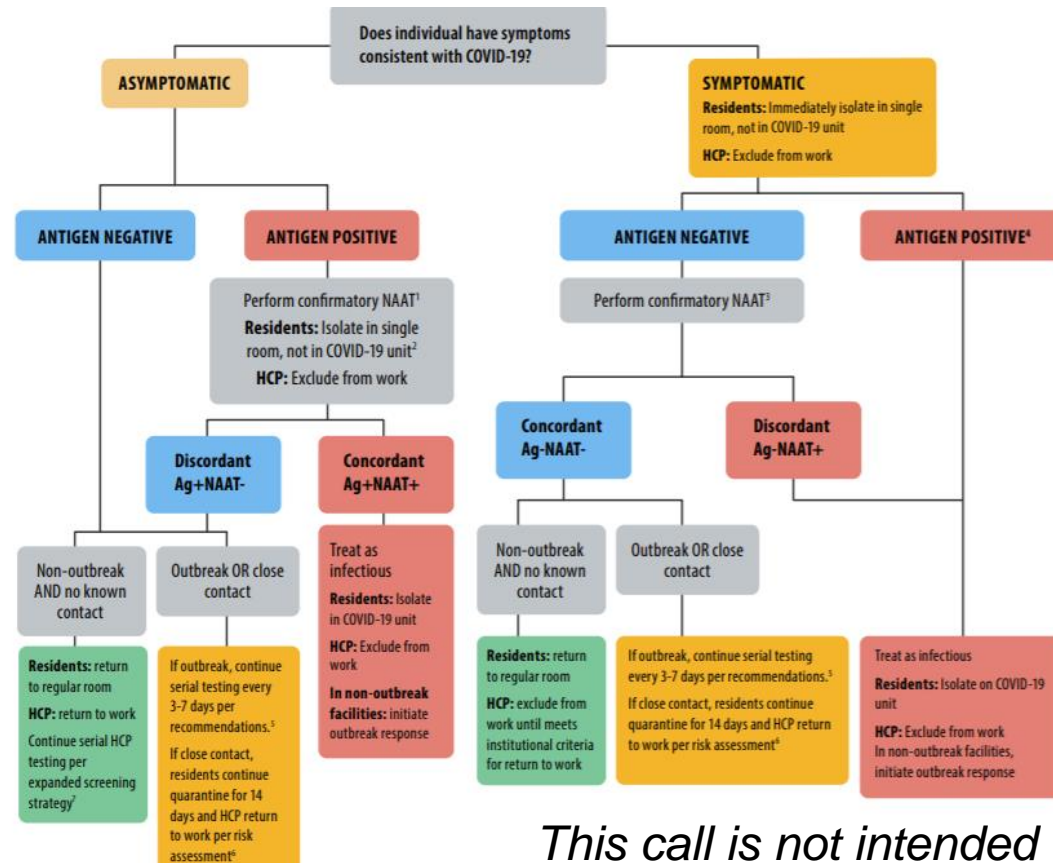
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/nursing-homes-antigen-testing.html>

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CONSIDERATIONS FOR INTERPRETATION OF ANTIGEN TESTS IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

Antigen testing updated algorithm

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/nursing-home-testing-algorithm-508.pdf>

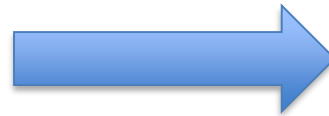


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State-Sponsored COVID-19 Saliva Testing

The screenshot shows the homepage of the South Dakota Department of Health's COVID-19 resources. At the top left is the logo for the South Dakota Department of Health with the URL covid.sd.gov. Below the logo is the text "NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES AND INFORMATION". The main content area features a grid of icons and text links: "DASHBOARD", "YOUR HEALTH", "COMMUNITY, WORK & SCHOOL", "VACCINATION", "HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS", and "UPDATES". At the bottom, there are three dark blue buttons: "COVID-19 TESTING" (highlighted with a red border), "COVIDAge Risk CALCULATOR", and "Quarantine & Isolation CALCULATOR".

<https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/>



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<https://doh.sd.gov/COVID/Testing.aspx>

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Continue to refer to the CDC's vaccination [FAQ section](#) and [Toolkit](#) for updated vaccine guidance in long-term care facilities.

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities



Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing
for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility

COVID-19 Vaccine

Expected Vaccine Availability in South Dakota

Phase	Population Group	January	February	March	April	May-December
1A	Frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility healthcare workers	■	■	■	■	■
1B	Long-term care residents	■	■	■	■	■
1C <i>we are here</i>	EMS, public health workers, and other healthcare workers (lab & clinic staff)	■	■	■	■	■
	Law enforcement, correctional officers	■	■	■	■	■
1D	Persons with 2 or more underlying medical conditions		■	■	■	■
	Persons aged 65 years and older		■	■	■	■
	Residents in congregate settings		■	■	■	■
	Teachers and other school/college staff		■	■	■	■
	Funeral service workers		■	■	■	■
	Fire service personnel		■	■	■	■
1E	Includes public-facing workers in essential and critical infrastructure		■	■	■	■
	All others 16 years and older		■	■	■	■

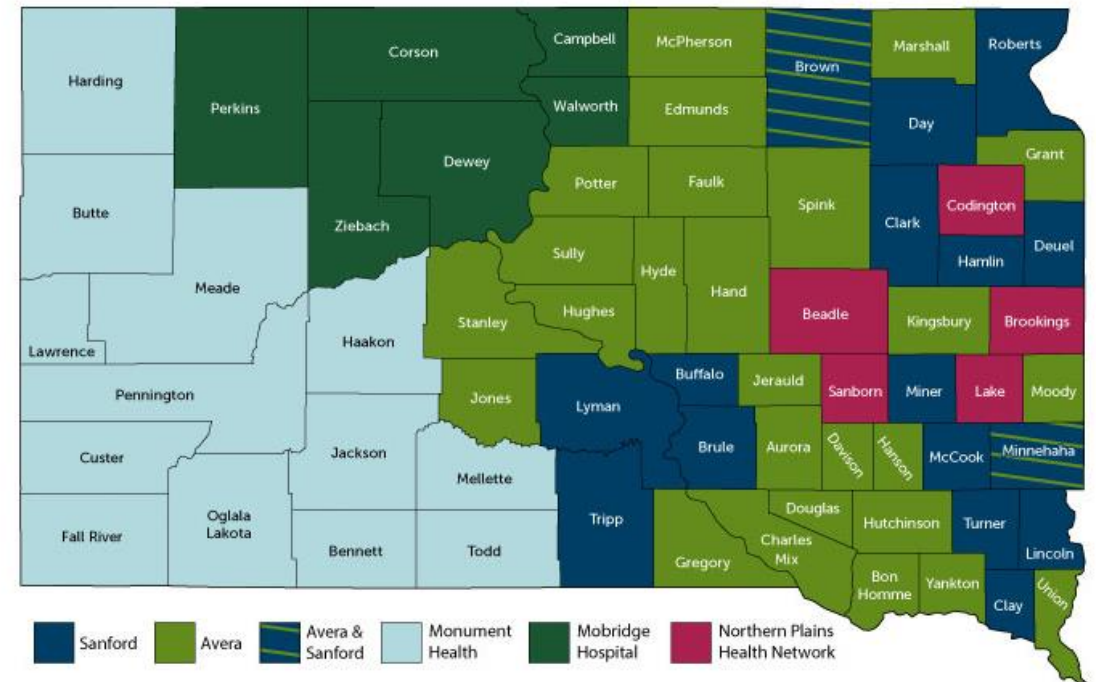
■ Estimated Vaccine Availability

Due to limited allocation of the vaccine, the South Dakota Department of Health will use COVID-19 infection rates and will follow recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) to guide which counties will receive the vaccine first.

COVID-19 VACCINE PROVIDERS

VACCINE PROVIDERS BY COUNTY

Best viewed on a desktop/laptop computer or in landscape mode on mobile (i.e. holding the phone sideways).



***Candida auris* Outbreak in a COVID-19 Specialty Care Unit — Florida, July–August 2020**

Prestel C, Anderson E, Forsberg K, et al. *Candida auris* Outbreak in a COVID-19 Specialty Care Unit — Florida, July–August 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. ePub: 8 January 2021. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7002e3external icon>

- 35 of 67 patients were colonized with *Candida auris* in a specialty COVID unit resulting in a large outbreak.
- HCP were observed to wear multiple layers of PPE (gown and glove) throughout shift.
- While double gowning and gloving increase the *perception* of more protection, it is showing to be more harmful and causes more lapses in cross contamination.
- Multiple layers of PPE is still [NOT recommended](#) for COVID transmission-based precautions
- Lapses in cleaning and disinfection of shared medical equipment and lapses in adherence to hand hygiene likely contributed to widespread *C. auris* transmission.



https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7002e3.htm?s_cid=mm7002e3_w

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