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About UNITE

UNITE (Uniting Nursing Homes in Tribal Excellence)

• Entering its 6th year of service to Tribal nursing homes and Tribal assisted living facilities
• Promotes evidence-based education and training, best practices, and quality improvement initiatives
• Works with any tribe desiring sustainable facilities and services for tribal elders to age in place
UNITE’s Mission, Status, and Location

UNITE’s mission
UNITE partners with Native American/Alaska Natives/Hawaiian tribes to improve the quality of life of elders through the implementation of evidence-based practices and culturally relevant education and training

- 501c3 with Board of Directors
- Serving tribal elders since 2014
- Membership

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Webinar Objectives

• Learn about three ways Tribal Nursing homes have been impacted by COVID-19
• Identify obstacles to providing care
• Identify challenges to staff in Tribal long-term care facilities
• Learn about how Tribal Nursing Homes keep Tribal Elders comfortable and safe
• Learn about challenges to transition residents
• Understand how CMS guidance impacts Tribal nursing homes
How has your nursing home been affected by COVID 19?

• Daily life of resident
• Outing restrictions
• Behaviors/agitation
• Visitor restrictions
• Use of masks
• Dementia care
• Food Security
What obstacles have you experienced in providing care to residents during a pandemic?

- Isolation of positive residents
- Use of full PPE
- Staff turnover/new staff
- Schedule inflexibility
- Payroll
- Daily symptom screening of staff
- Cohorting
- Off site trips i.e. dialysis
What are staffing challenges your facility has overcome?

• Staying healthy
• Following new guidelines/restrictions
• Payroll and financial worries
• Stress-levels / lockdown
How are Tribal Elders kept comfortable and safe?

• Technology
• Individualized activities
• Spiritual Care
• Activity modifications
• Fresh air
• Communication strategies
How have you responded to transition phases during a pandemic?

- Altered admission process
- Testing requirements for COVID-19
- Delays in admissions
- Anxious resident and family
How have changes in CMS guidance impacted your facility?

• Waivers
• Quality Measures
• Quality Improvement Organizations
• Surveyors
• Visits by doctors and providers
• Telehealth
Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Tribal LTC communities

- A new form:  
  https://forms.gle/kPPBR2KZVkJDAwUpX9
- Voluntary participation
- Aggregate information only
- Weekly by COB day each Thursday
- The form is intended to be filled out weekly. UNITE recommends filling out the form each Thursday by close of business local time
- Monthly call to review the data collected
Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Tribal LTC communities

- Gathering subjective information
- Gathering objective information
- Addressing the pandemic
- Assistance with best practices
- Demonstrating a need
- Telling a story
- Advocacy
- Positive Attention

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