

## COVID-19 Impact: All Things Missed

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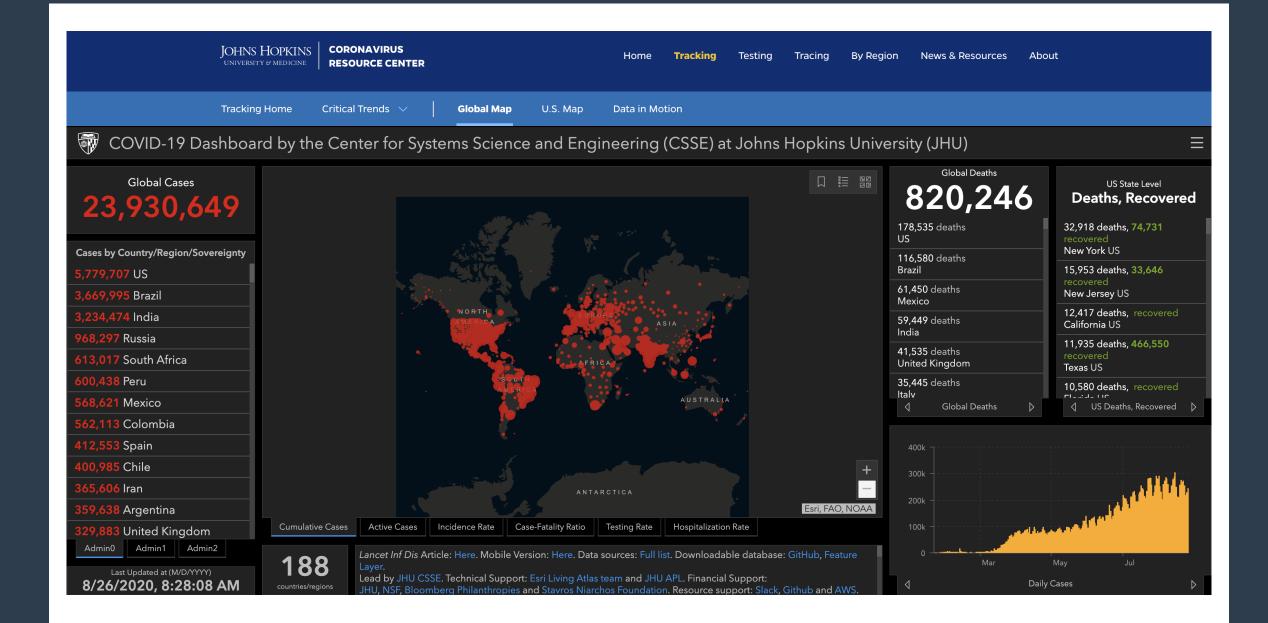
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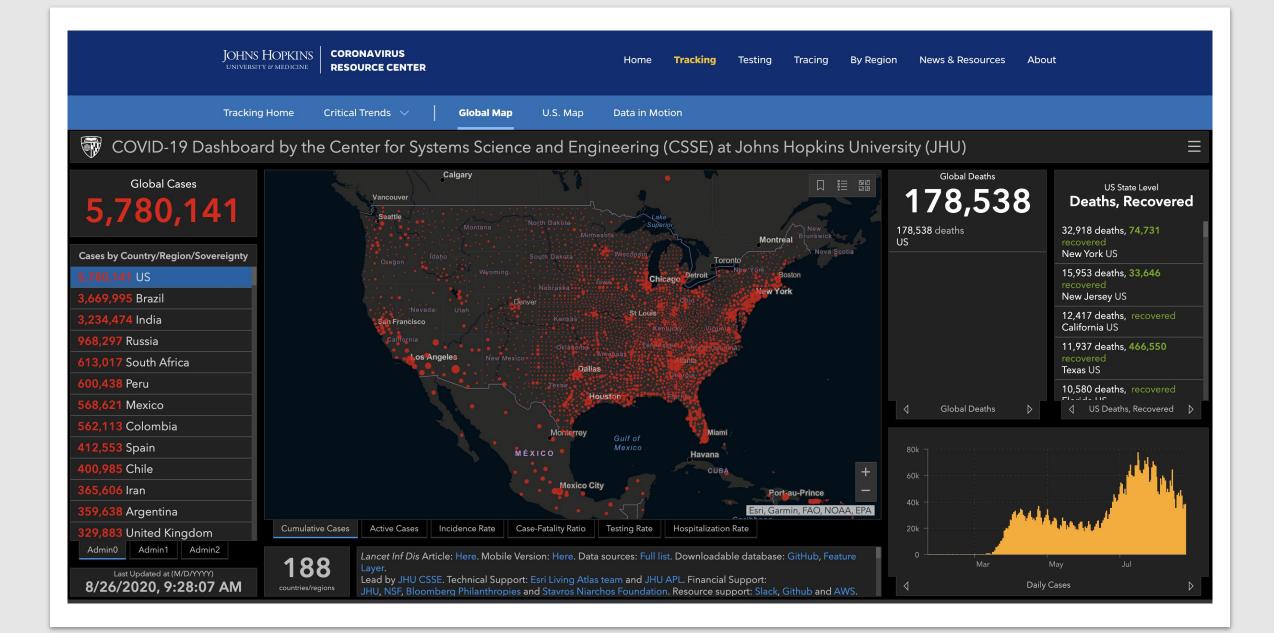


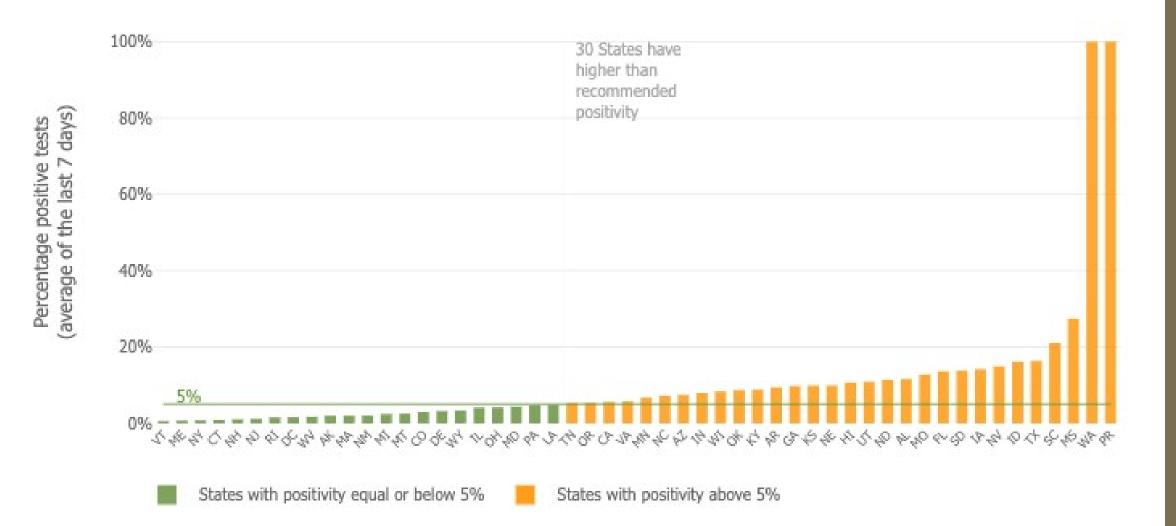
COVID-19 State of the State

Remembering the Non-COVID Patient

**Open Discussion** 









#### **Current Situation in Florida**

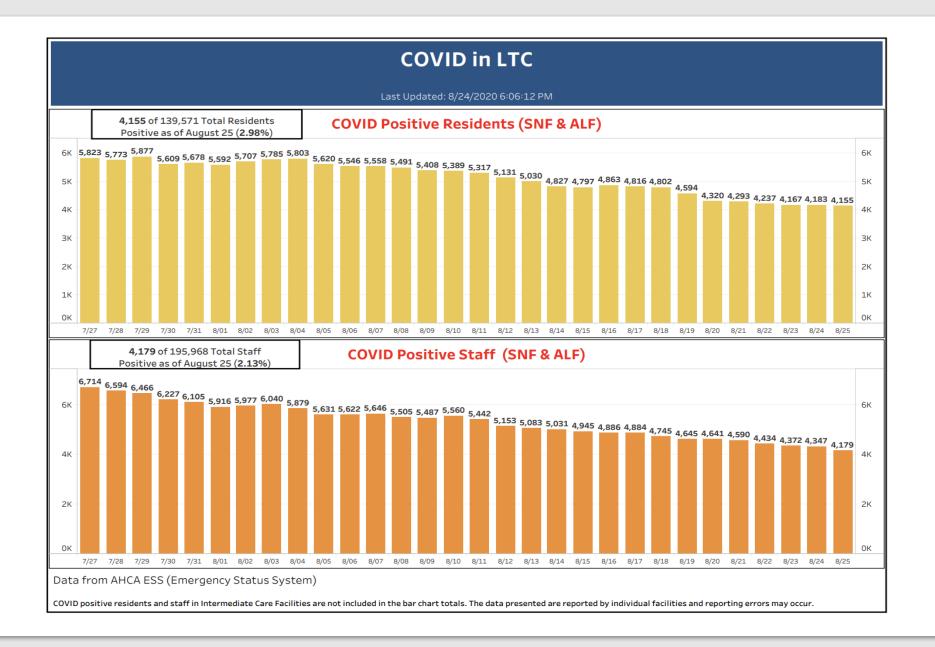
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8 Positive Residents Out of State

\*Reported since yesterday





## All Things Missed

**The NON-COVID Patient Experience** 



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Impact of Social Isolation for the Long Term Care Resident without COVID-19

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#### Impact of COVID-19 on Residents

- Social Isolation
- Cognitive decline
- Behavioral symptoms of distress
- Lack of physical activity
- Increased functional disability
- Postponed medical care
- Caregiver stress



What type of visit will address the resident's needs and minimize the risk of infection?

#### Telehealth

Outside/Doorway/Window Visits

Inside with physical distance

Inside with physical contact

# Consider the pros and cons of different visit formats

#### Telehealth

- Decreases risk of exposure to COVID-19
- Able to include family who may not live with the patient
- Confusing for those with cognitive impairment
- Need a caregiver who has some technological savy or client support
- Often miss exam findings from the waist down

#### **Outside Visits**

- Decreases risk of exposure to COVID
- Great for observation: Able to assess mental status, gait, musculoskeletal exam, some aspects of a neuro-exam, skin integrity, edema (caregiver can help)
- Distancing makes communication more challenging
- Not helpful when palpation or ausciltation is needed



#### Enhancing Communication at a Distance

- History by Phone, Exam by Visit
- Pocket Talkers
- Walkie Talkies





Common Challenges during COVID 19 for Long Term Care Residents

- Cognitive Decline
- Functional Decline
- Behavioral Symptoms of Distress



- Utilize a standardized instrument to assess cognition
- What are the changes in social/cognitive stimulation?
- Staff observations and family concerns and observations
- Have cognitive changes resulted in new safety risks?
  - Wandering
  - Lack of engagement
  - Nutrition and hydration
  - Fall risk due to deteriorating visual spatial skills

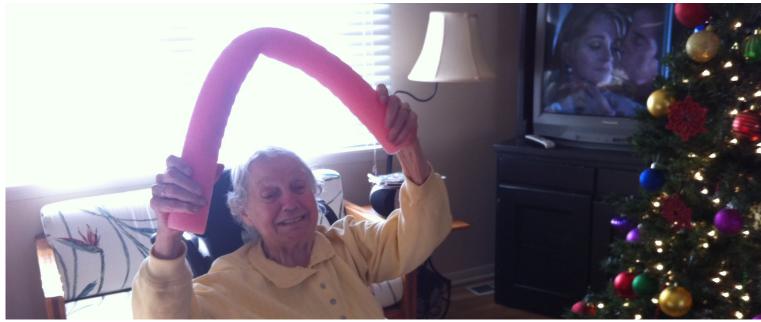
#### Managing Cognitive Decline



Always assume cognitive decline is subsyndromal delirium until proven otherwise; look at medications as a possible culprit and consider deprescribing (psychotropic medications, narcotics, anticholinergic medications) Match appropriate sensory stimulation activities for the level of cognitive impairment (music, photos, time outside, simple puzzles, tactile activities, etc.) 3

Try to maintain a regular routine

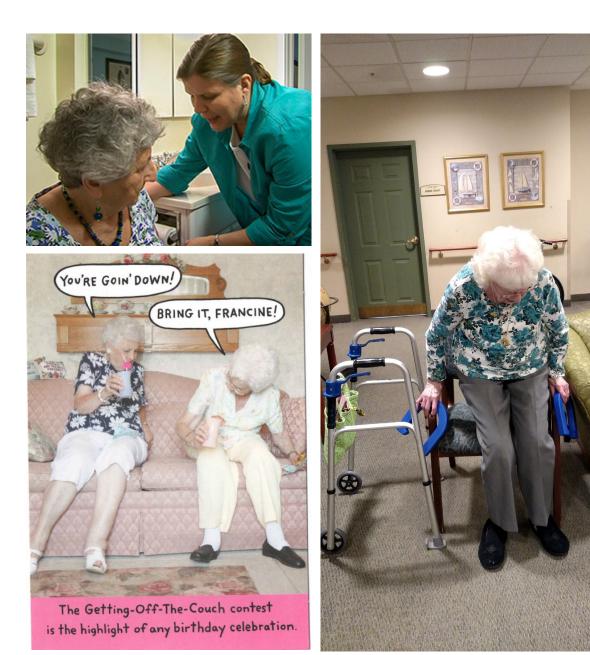




## Optimizing Function and Physical Activity



## Sit to Stand Exercises



Tips to Motivate Long Term Care Residents to Engage in Physical Activity

- Make it Fun
- Familiar
- Role Models
- Incorporate activity into the daily routine
- Use music to motivate
- Manage unpleasant sensations (fear of falls, anxiety, pain)
- Door exercises
- Physically distanced activities
- Outside activities

### Get outside



#### Function Focused Care

- Optimizing Function with Physical Activity in Assisted Living Residents -

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Assessing and Managing Behavioral Symptoms of Distress in Dementia: DICE Approach

- Describe the behavior
- Investigate the impact of:
  - Level of Cognitive Impairment
  - Environment
  - Caregiver Approach
  - Physical Medical Disorders
  - Psychiatric Symptoms
- Create a plan
- Evaluate effectiveness



https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4146407/

Tips for Managing Behavioral Symptoms



Caregiver Resources for Managing Behavioral Symptoms

- UCLA Caregiver Training Videos
  <u>https://www.uclahealth.org/dementia/caregiver-education-videos</u>
- Nursing Home Toolkit: Promoting Positive Behavioral Health <u>http://www.nursinghometoolkit.com/</u>
- Function Focused Care: Check out the last 7 training videos that focus on optimizing function and physical activity while also managing behavioral symptoms <a href="https://functionfocusedcare.wordpress.com/">https://functionfocusedcare.wordpress.com/</a>

# Open Discussion

## Questions & Comments

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