**COVID-19**

**Things to Remember: End of Life**

**Communication is Key!**

- Review advance directive and Advance Care Plans with the resident and/or legal representative
- Discuss risk/benefit if resident/family requests hospital transfer and document

**Increase in Illness and Symptoms**

- Residents may require emergency transfers
- Family visitation may be requested at end-of-life
- Follow pandemic infection control policies for end-of-life visits
- Visits should be in private room if possible

**Preparing for Visitors**

- Entrance doors should be monitored/secured
- Visitors to schedule time of arrival
- Visitors screened in lobby area per facility policy
- Visitors wash hands and don appropriate PPE

**Death Rates Will Increase**

- Mortuaries may be unable to remove the remains of a deceased resident timely
- Create a plan with local hospitals and mortuaries to assist during the pandemic

**Post-Pandemic Review**

Once the pandemic ends, review your materials and operations
Think about ways to improve these measures

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