

Need LTCF outbreak support?

Contact the DHS Rapid Assistance and Support Team (RAST)



RAST offers a multidisciplinary approach to problem solving during COVID-19 outbreaks in Wisconsin long-term care facilities (LTCFs). DHS team members hear a situation overview from the facility or local/tribal health department, ask questions about different aspects of the outbreak, and make recommendations. Representation on each call will include at a minimum:

- LTCF experiencing the outbreak
- Local/tribal health department
- Division of Quality Assurance leadership in a technical assistance, **non-regulatory** role
- Division of Public Health Outbreaks Team Epidemiologist
- Division of Public Health Infection Preventionist



What can RAST calls address?

- Outbreak response strategy
- Infection prevention and control (e.g., personal protective equipment [PPE] use, cohorting, disinfection)
- Staffing and PPE shortage strategies



RAST calls are not regulatory reviews. They are an opportunity for stakeholders to come together to discuss the current outbreak situation; develop a customized, multidisciplinary approach to a LTCF's challenges; and connect each facility with a technical assistance support system.

Contact dhsrast@dhs.wisconsin.gov for more information or to schedule a RAST call.

