



NF-20-121 – PROVIDER ALERT

Nursing Facility ECHO: A COVID-19 Response

The [Oregon ECHO Network](#) is partnering with the ECHO Institute and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to engage **all nursing facilities** in Oregon in a 16 session, weekly virtual program offering entitled "[Nursing Facility ECHO: A COVID-19 Response](#)". The program is designed to share evidence-based best practices to achieve five goals:

1. Prevent COVID-19 from entering nursing facilities via staff, visitors, and residents.
2. Prevent the spread of the virus among residents, staff, and visitors once it enters a nursing facility.
3. Provide care and treatment for residents who test positive for COVID-19.
4. Protect staff from infection and provide safety measures to help staff build confidence in their work, feel safe from infection, and keep working at nursing facilities.
5. Ensure residents who are infected with COVID-19 can safely receive visitors.

The program will include sixteen, 90 minute weekly sessions beginning late September. Nursing facility medical directors, administrators, directors of nursing, and other leaders from nursing facilities are especially encouraged to participate. **Participating nursing facilities will receive federal funding to support participation in the program.**

To receive updates on program details, please pre-register for, "Nursing Facility ECHO: A COVID-19 Response" at <https://connect.oregonechonetwork.org/Series/Registration/1313>.

About ECHO:

[Project ECHO](#)® (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) is an interactive educational and community-building experience that allows healthcare professionals throughout the state of Oregon to create a case-based learning environment through the convenience of video connection. The [Oregon ECHO Network](#) (OEN) is a statewide utility for Project ECHO® programming and support services, and is hosted at [Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network](#) at OHSU. ECHO programs are offered at no cost to individuals or their employers.

