The COPING Study: COVID-19 Prevention in Nursing Homes

WHO is involved in this study?

• Emory University and Georgia Tech is partnering with 14 skilled nursing facilities around Georgia to share information about COVID-19 among healthcare workers and residents of these homes.



WHY is this study happening?

• The results of this study will help us understand the COVID-19 exposure history of skilled nursing facility workers and residents. These results could help create better, more efficient testing procedures, as well as help guide safer ways to staff facilities taking into consideration antibody test results of staff and residents.



WHAT does participation in this study entail, and how does it impact you or your facility?

- If your staff contributes to the study, your facility will be awarded a **\$400** gift card after each antibody testing period to go towards rewarding staff with a staff lunch or food.
- For the facility leadership/administration: Leadership will encourage healthcare worker participation, coordinate with Emory study team on the testing time, receive and distribute testing kits, and share relevant COVID data already being reported to the state/CDC through NHSN. Medical Directors will order COVID-19 serology tests on all residents once at start of the study, and once after 3 months.

For the healthcare workers

Provide a dried blood spot at baseline (start) of study, and another after 3 months.

Completing a brief (~3 minute) survey online just before dried blood spot test.



For the residents

Nursing home would share NHSN COVID data. Use existing, de-identified COVID-19 test results. There will be no contact between the study team and residents.





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