

How do restrictions help

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So the positive thing about all of this is that, unlike in the community preventing coronavirus in nursing homes should be a little bit easier. Because if you make sure there's only one entrance, let's say there's a nursing home. Right now, there's many nursing homes right now in Lubbock that have not had a single case of COVID. So these nursing homes, if they first of all close up all the exits except one so there's only one way to get into the nursing home, to hold off on any visitors and we understand the many problems associated with that for the residents in the nursing home, but in this particular situation, to make sure that there are no visitors, and then just guarantee that employees coming into the nursing home aren't sick so you can screen them for temperature and ask about symptoms. And so there is a great deal of hope in making sure that nursing homes don't get covered infection at all. But the strict what's mostly, the most important thing is to control who goes in and out of the nursing home.

Other changes nursing homes can make

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So few nursing home patients actually have their own primary care doctor to evaluate them early on. And so nursing homes need to be able to do that they can't just take their residents when they have an illness and put them in a van and send them to the emergency room that just doesn't work. So we need to have more face to face time between physicians and residents. And we also need to do extensive COVID testing in nursing homes right now. So we can find out if there's anybody in a nursing home that that has COVID. And if they do, we would separate them in in the nursing home itself.

Asymptomatic seniors

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Right, we worry about young people who are asymptomatic and on the beach and running everywhere and infecting lots of different people. But yes, elderly patients can also be asymptomatic. And if you had an asymptomatic COVID positive patient in the nursing home, that person wouldn't know any better than to potentially infect other residents in that community.