



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of **HEALTH SERVICES**

Infection Prevention Support

WAMD Morning Rounds

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HAI Prevention Program Focus Areas

- Infection prevention education and technical assistance
 - Infection preventionist (IP) training
 - Facility assessments (i.e., ICAR)
 - National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
- Outbreak and infection control breach support
- MDRO containment
- Statewide HAI surveillance

COVID-19 Tele-ICARs

II. Visitor restrictions and nonessential person restrictions:		
Elements to be assessed	Assessment (Y/N)	Notes/Areas for Improvement
Facility restricts all visitation except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end-of-life situations.		
Decisions about visitation are made on a case-by-case basis.		
Potential visitors are screened prior to entry for fever or symptoms of COVID-19. Those with symptoms are not permitted to enter the facility.		
Visitors that are permitted inside must wear a cloth face covering while in the building and restrict their visit to the resident's room or other location designated by the facility. They are also reminded to frequently perform hand hygiene.		
Nonessential personnel, including volunteers and non-medical service providers (for example, salon, <u>barbers</u>) are restricted from entering the building.		
Facility has sent a <u>communication</u> (for example, letter, email) to families advising them that no visitors will be allowed in the facility except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end-of-life, and that alternative methods for visitation such as video conferencing will be made available by the facility.		

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/hcp/assessment-tool-nursing-homes.pdf>

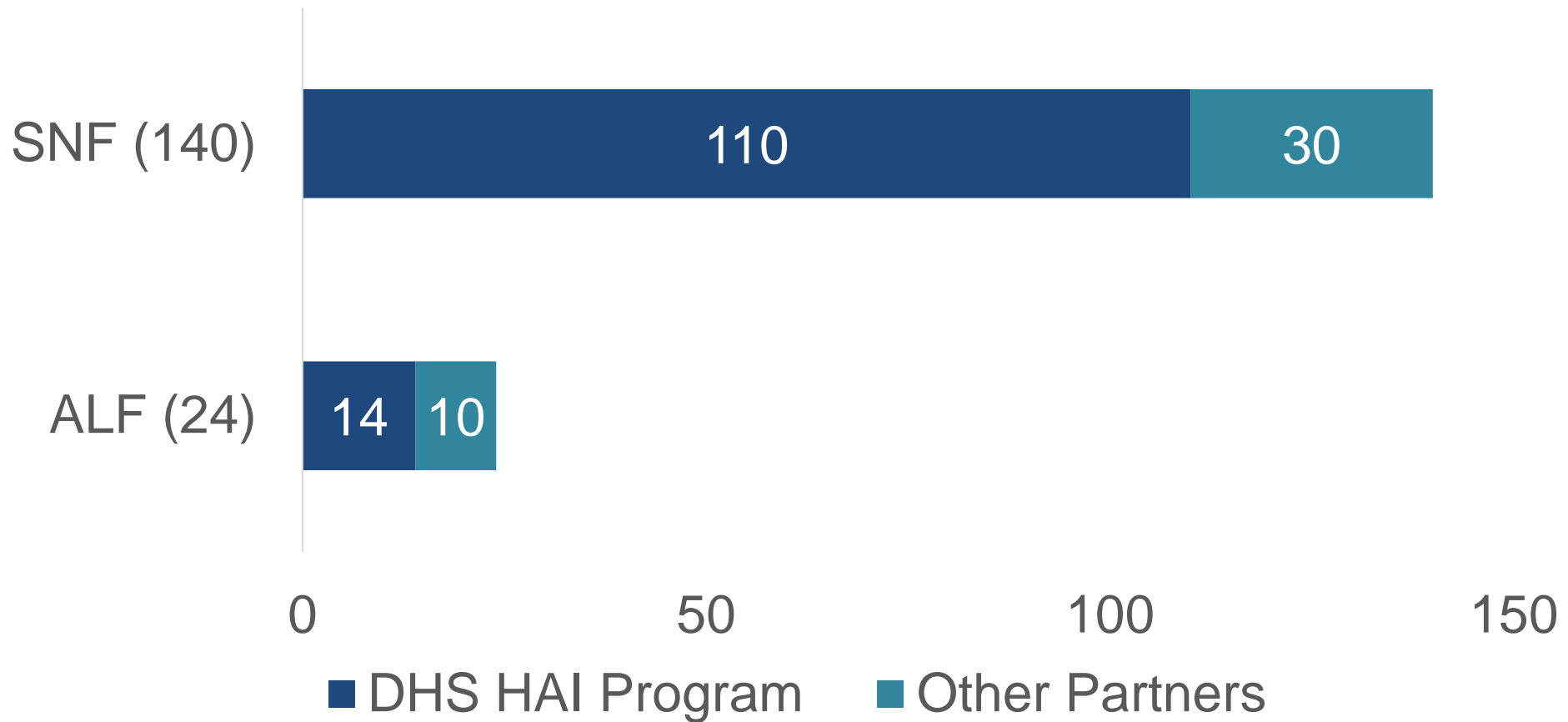
Background

- Developed by CDC as a response to Ebola infection control preparedness lessons
- Performed by state HAI programs since that time, including more than 225 pre-COVID in Wisconsin across settings

Approach

- Focus on education
- Share expertise from certified IPs
- Build and maintain relationships with facilities and local health departments (LHD)
- Use for prevention and response
- Establish regular follow-ups

164 Full COVID Tele-ICARs Completed Since April 6



Recommendation Themes

- Audit for appropriate PPE, hand hygiene, and disinfectant use
- Follow CDC recommendations for PPE use
- Environmental infection control
 - Use disinfectants effective against SARS-CoV-2
 - Maintain contact/wet times
 - Avoid cross-contamination

COVID Data Reporting

- CMS public posting of NHSN data
 - Weekly reporting pulled Sunday nights
 - Financial penalties
- NHSN definitions vary from DHS definitions

Data.**CMS**.gov

Get Started Develop



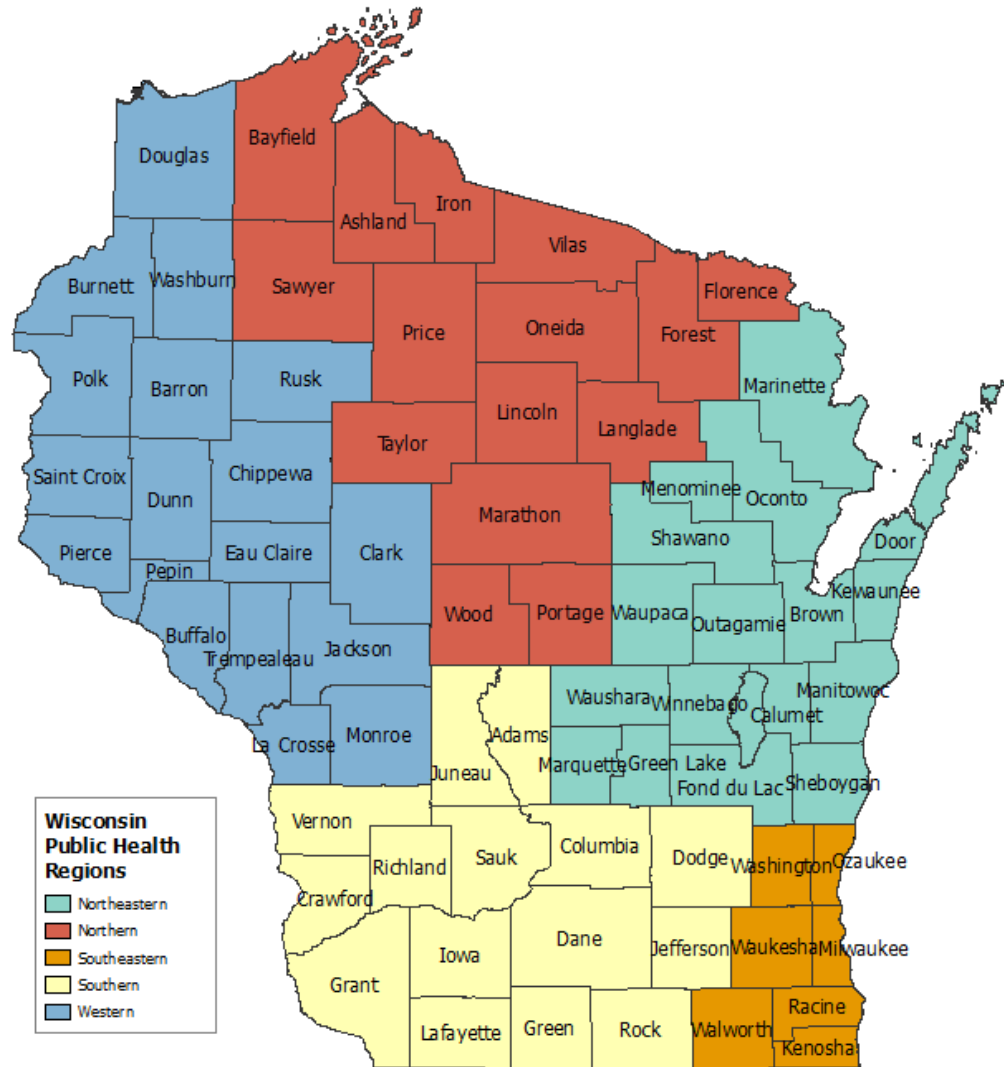
Submitted Data as of Week Ending: 07/19/2020

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg>

Additional HAI Program Supports

Regional Infection Preventionists

Program IPs
based remotely
in each of the
five public health
regions



Project Firstline

- Needs assessment
- Frontline staff training
 - RNs and CNAs
 - Basic infection prevention principles and practices

Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Dr. Barry Fox started July 1
- Anticipated project areas:
 - Consultation with individual facilities on programs and CDC Core Element implementation
 - Data review
 - AS Steering Committee
 - Statewide AS plan
 - MDRO containment collaboration

COVID-19 Impacts to Other HAIs: MDROs

- PPE shortages
- Patient/resident movement (e.g., cohorting, moving patients/residents to free up beds)
- Antibiotic use
- Clinical pan-non-susceptible carbapenem-resistant *Acinetobacter baumannii* (CRAB)

Questions?

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