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Nursing Homes Response to COVID-19: Lessons Learned

Dr. Oluwayemisi Aikulola is an Epidemiologist Specialist who currently serves as the City of Houston Health Department's (HHD) focal person to Nursing Homes in Houston. In this role, she supports the early detection and containment of COVID-19 infection among residents/staff of nursing homes conducting facility level field investigations and providing onsite COVID-19 infection prevention and control guidance to over 40 LTCFs within the City of Houston. She also provides technical guidance to epidemiologists on the HHD Nursing Home team in managing COVID-19 outbreaks and implementing infection control protocols.

With her background and experience in clinical medicine, she has harnessed her expertise in analyzing the trends of COVID-19 vaccine breakthrough/re-infection cases, responding to complex reports and inquiries on COVID-19 cases/clusters and interpreting COVID-19 preventive measures to support nursing homes' leadership and staff (executive administrators, facility managers, directors of nursing etc.) based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and HHD guidelines. She holds a Master of Public Health Degree from the George Washington University and a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery degree from Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria.