

# Things to Remember: End of Life

Discuss the resident's wishes regarding end of life care.



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## Communication is Key!

- Review advance directive and Advance Care Plans with the resident and/or legal representative
- Discuss risk/benefit if resident/family requests hospital transfer and document



## Increase in Illness and Symptoms

- Residents may require emergency transfers
- Family visitation may be requested at end-of-life
- Follow pandemic infection control policies for end-of-life visits
- Visits should be in private room if possible



## Preparing for Visitors

- Entrance doors should be monitored/secured
- Visitors to schedule time of arrival
- Visitors screened in lobby area per facility policy
- Visitors wash hands and don appropriate PPE



## Death Rates Will Increase

- Mortuaries may be unable to remove the remains of a deceased resident timely
- Create a plan with local hospitals and mortuaries to assist during the pandemic



## Post-Pandemic Review

Once the pandemic ends, review your materials and operations  
Think about ways to improve these measures