



# Preserve My Rights, Prevent Infections!



Nursing home residents have the right to live in a place where preserving rights AND preventing infections are a priority.

**Resident Rights are guaranteed by federal Law.**

Residents have the right to:

- Be Informed & Involved
- Have Communication & Choice
- Plan and Participate in programs

**Resident rights prevent infections by ensuring residents are:**

## **Informed...**

of any infections a resident may have and how to prevent the spread of infections in a language they understand.

## **Involved...**

in all decisions regarding a resident's care including medications, vaccinations, and precautions to prevent infections.

## **Communication...**

that is timely regarding any infection spread in the nursing home while respecting resident privacy.

## **Choice...**

to select any provider as well as refuse treatment, care, or services including those which can increase their risk of infection.

## **Plan...**

in collaboration with the nursing home to ensure safe and clean conditions, preventing the spread of germs and infections.

## **Participate...**

in councils for residents and families and discuss infection spread and infection control policies.

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