

# Modeling COVID-19 Risk in Nursing Homes

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# Agenda

- Team Introduction (5 min)
- Project Presentation (40 min)
  - COVID-19 Nursing Home Story
  - Project Objectives and Data Exploration
  - Modeling
  - Dashboard Deliverables
  - Conclusions
- Q&A (15 min)

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# **The COVID-19 Nursing Home Story**

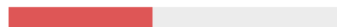
# More Than 100,000 U.S. Coronavirus Deaths Are Linked to Nursing Homes

By The New York Times Updated December 4, 2020

**38%**

OF ALL U.S. DEATHS

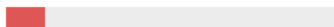
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**5%**

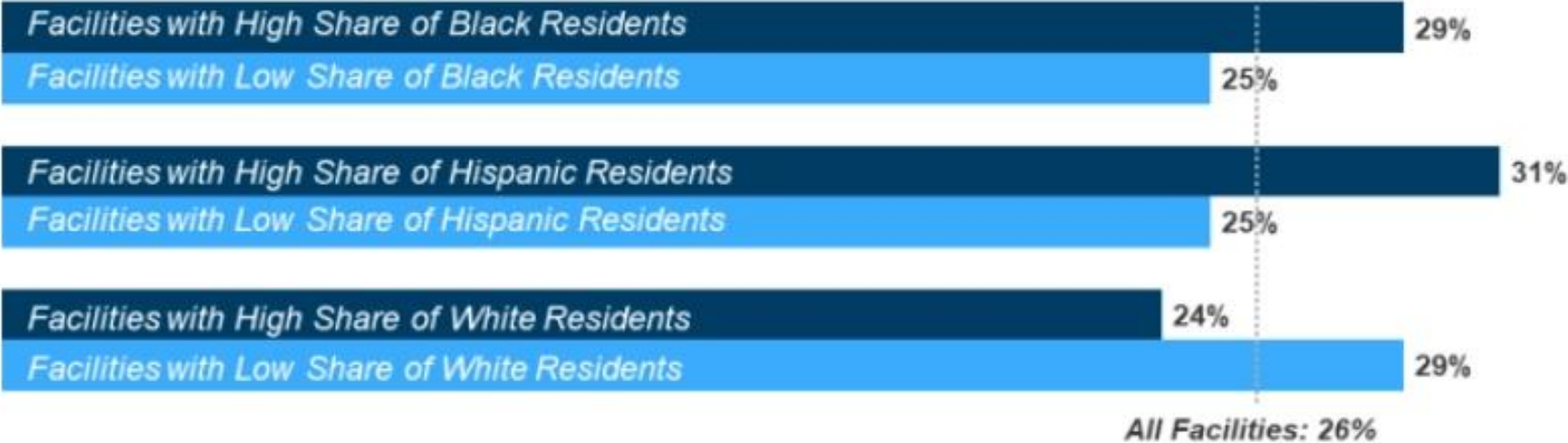
OF ALL U.S. CASES

787,000+



# Coronavirus Infection Outbreaks Were More Severe in Nursing Homes With A Relatively Large Share of Black or Hispanic Residents

Confirmed/Suspected Coronavirus Cases As A Share of Nursing Home Beds (as of October 11, 2020):



# Nursing Homes With Relatively High Shares of Black or Hispanic Residents Were More Likely To Have At Least One COVID-19 Death

Share of Nursing Homes With At Least One COVID-19 Death (as of October 11, 2020):



**“Nobody gave a damn about the Black people  
dying at a higher clip.”**

Eric Russell  
Son of Resident  
Villa at Windsor Park  
Chicago, Illinois

# Research Relevant: Vaccine Allocation



**As COVID-19 vaccine distribution starts,  
Pa.'s lack of specifics complicates planning**



# About the Project

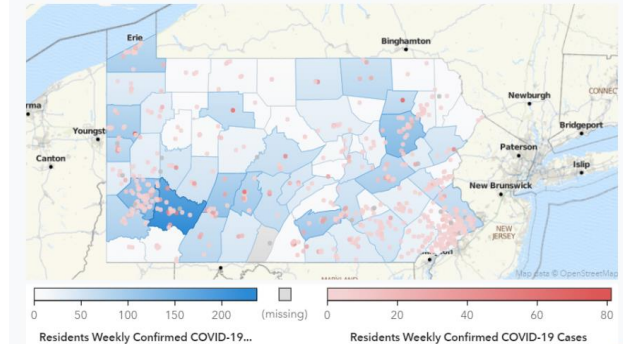


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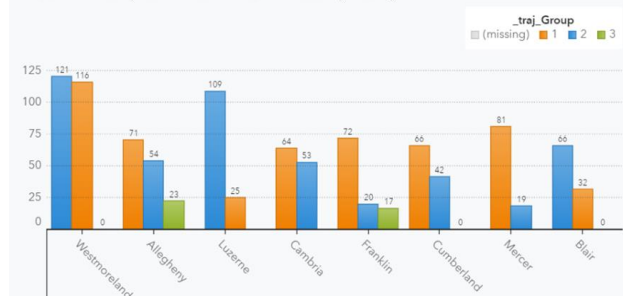
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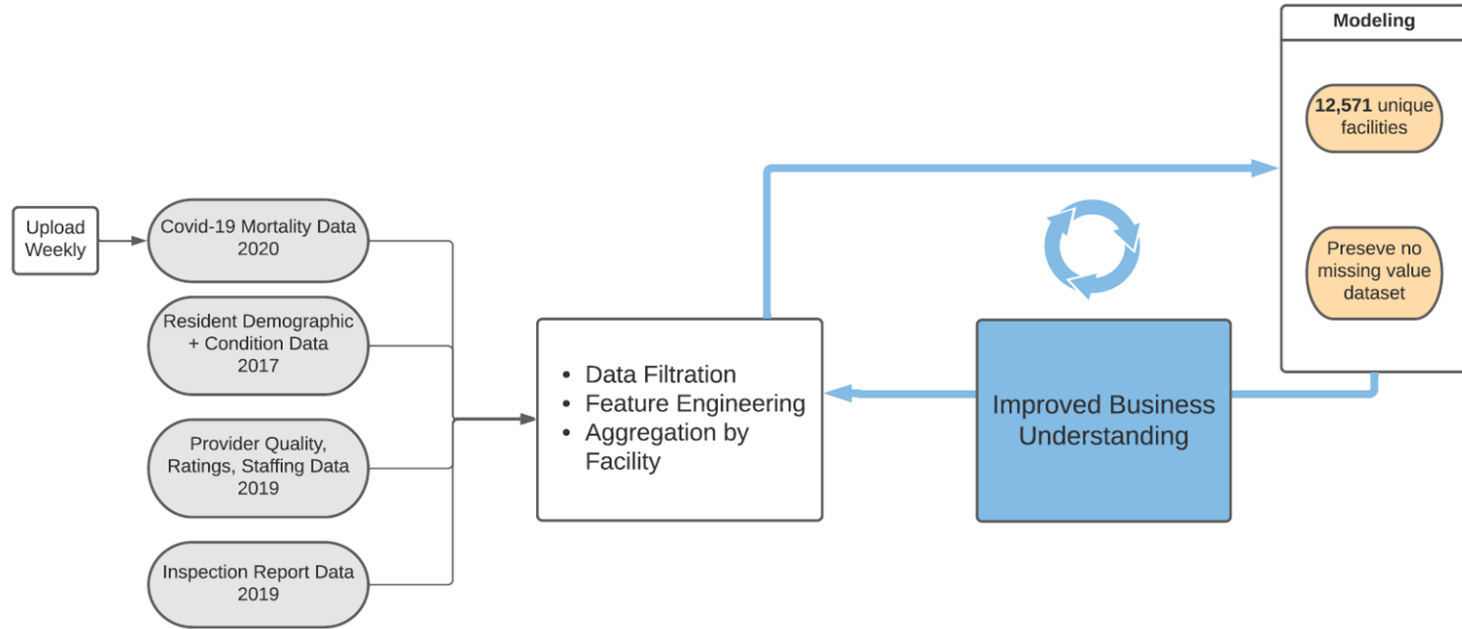




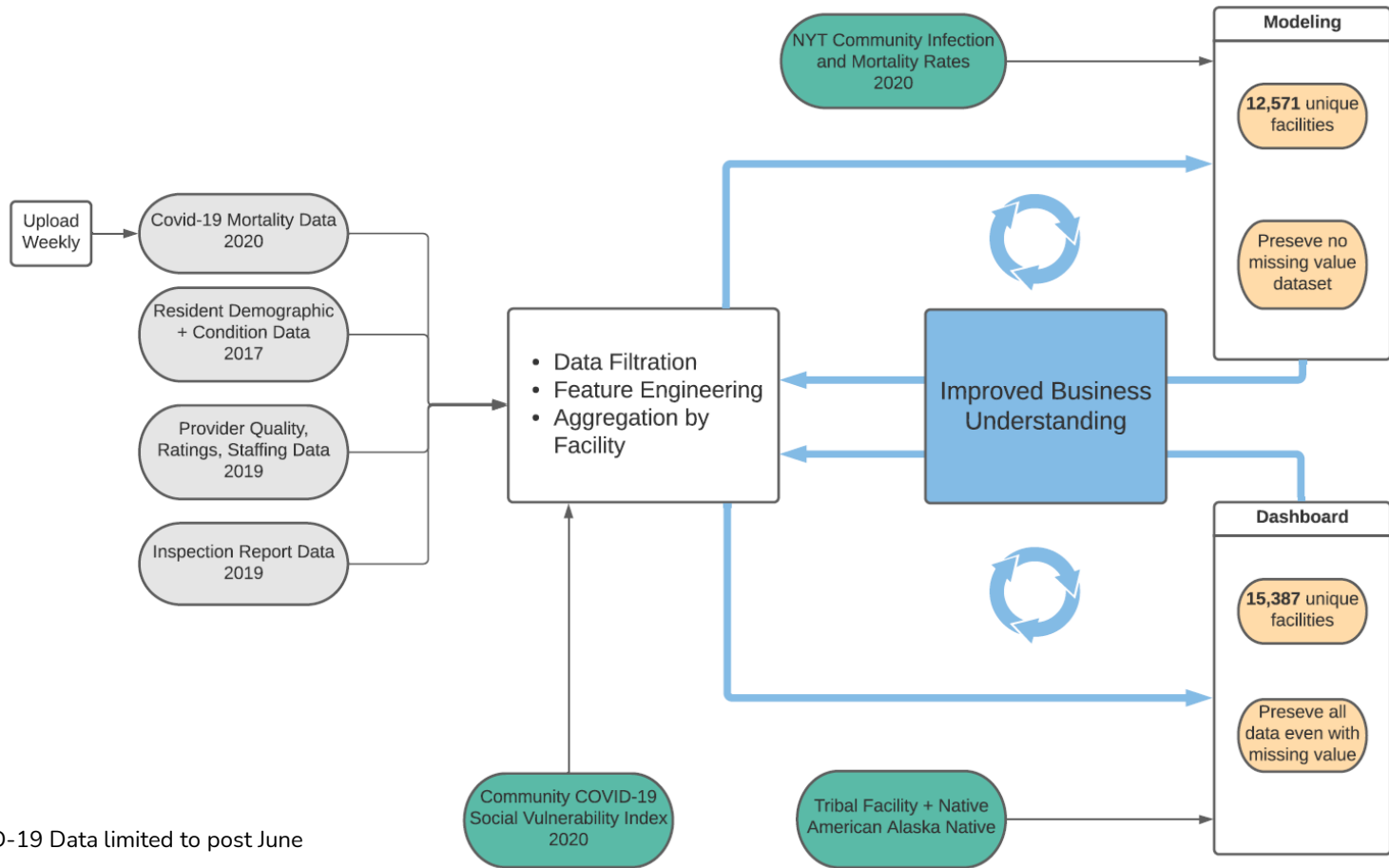
# Data Pipeline



# Data Pipeline (midterm)



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COVID-19 Data limited to post June



# Exploring the Data



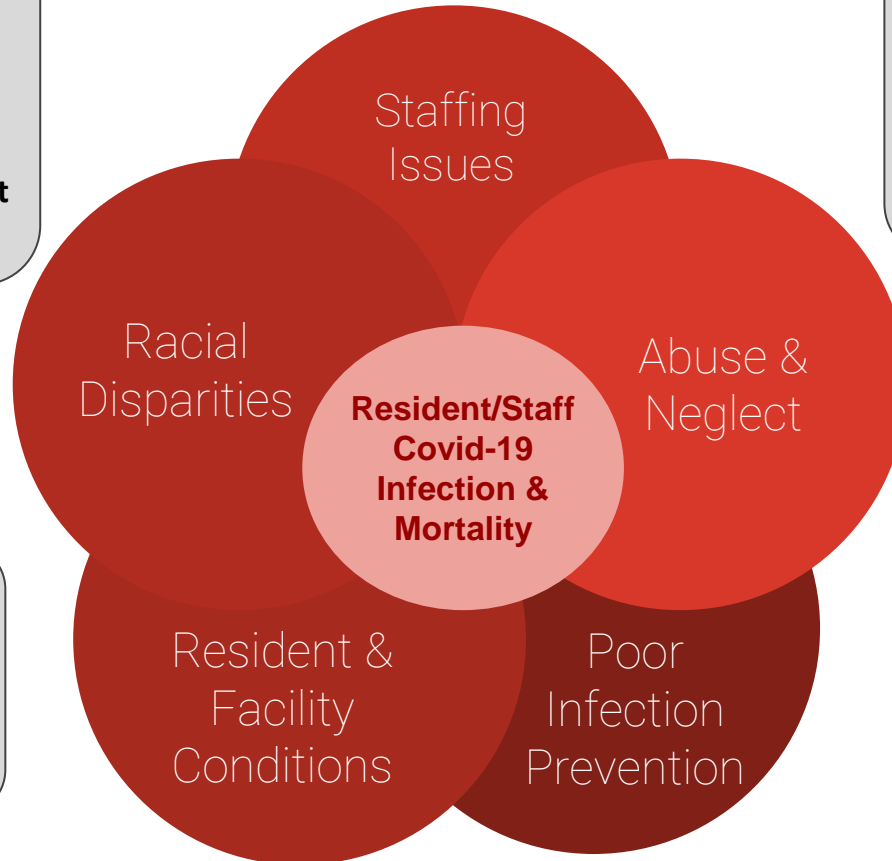
- Pandemic staffing shortage
- Nurse Hours per Resident per Day
- RN Staffing Rating
- Overall Staffing Rating

- Resident % White, % Black, % Hispanic
- Zip code/county
- Community COVID-19 Social Vulnerability Index
- Tribal Facilities + Resident % Indian/Alaska Native

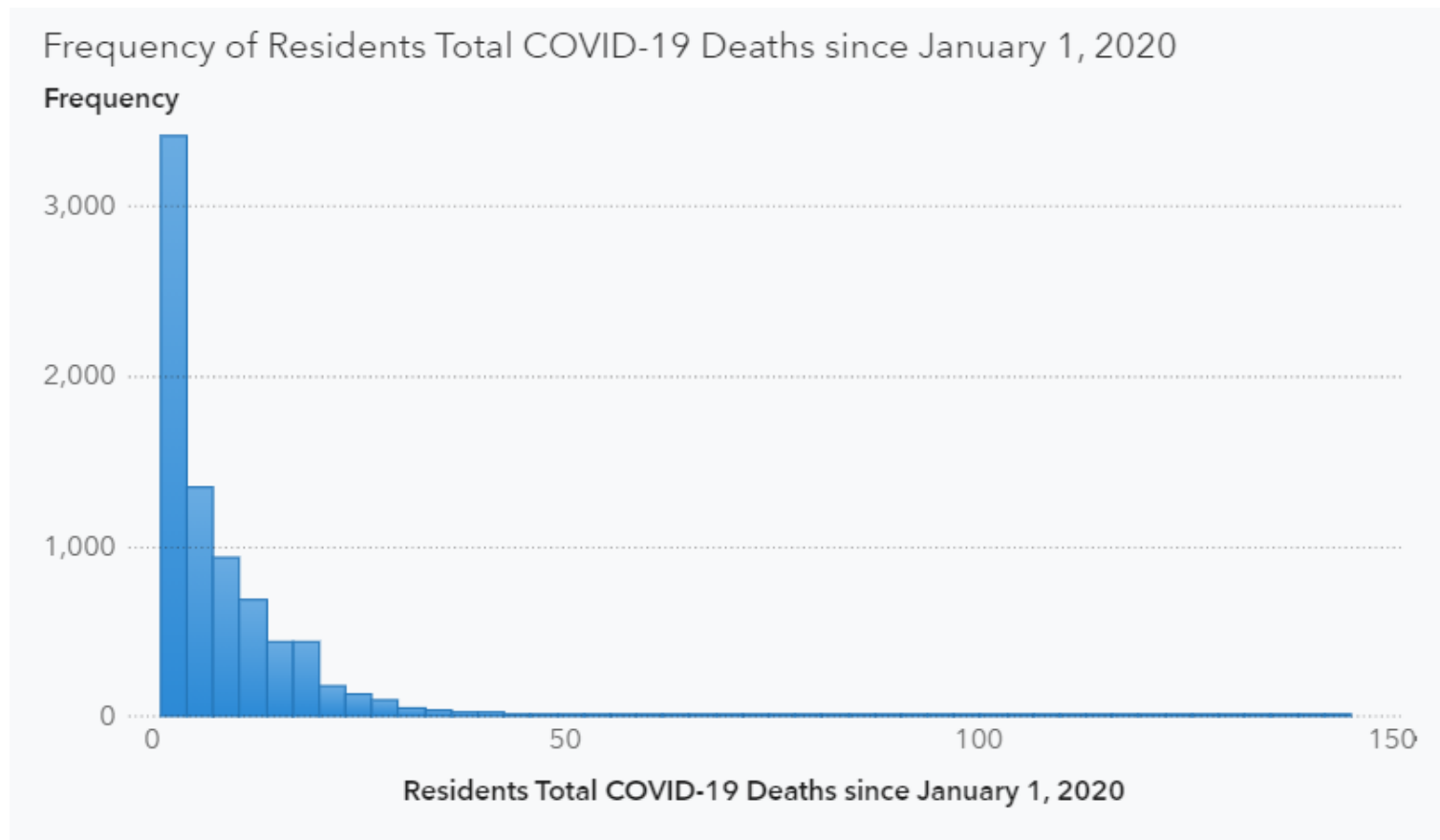
- Abuse flag
- # complaints
- Deficiency Tags & Scope-Severity
- Use of restraint

- Resident age
- Resident acuity
- Facility size (# beds)
- Nonprofit vs. for-profit

- Staff and resident COVID-19 testing
- PPE supply
- Total Weighted Health Survey Score
- Health Inspection Rating

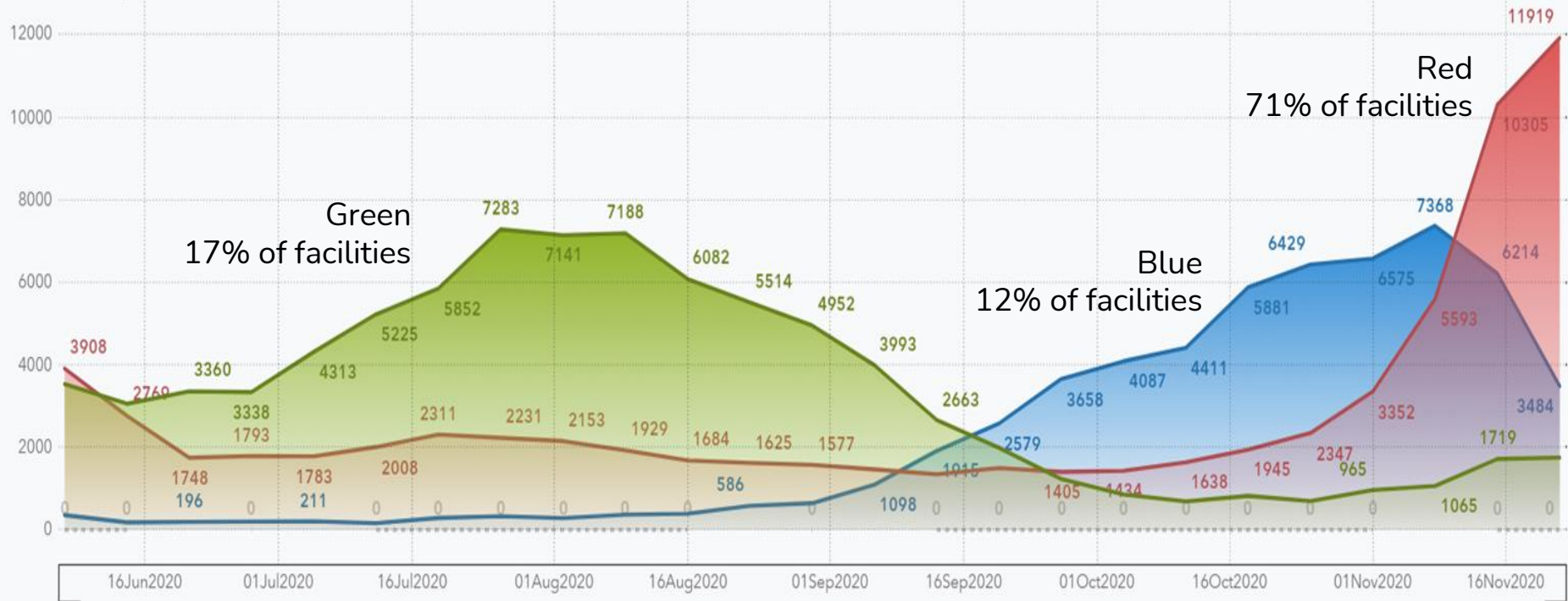


# Nursing Home Mortality is Highly Skewed



# TRAJ Classification Shows Varied Past Infection Trends

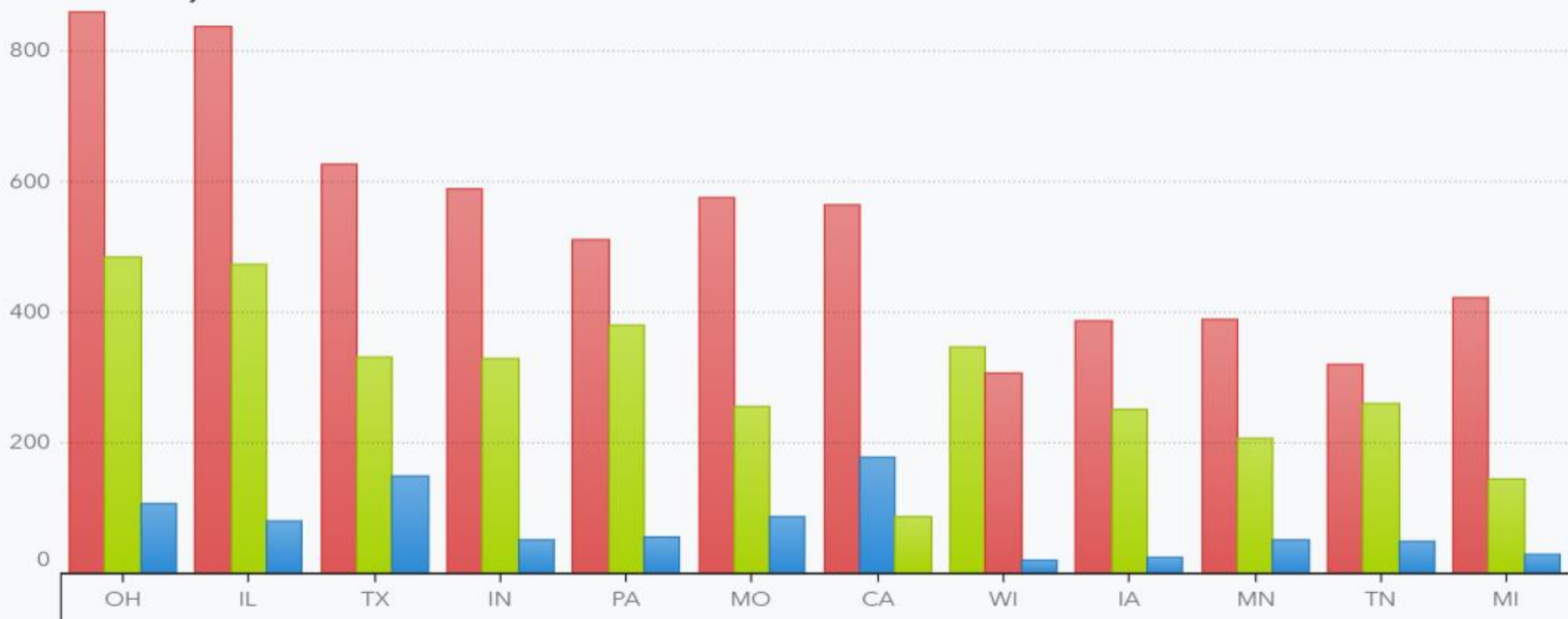
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# Sample of States Driving High Case Count in Fall Surge

Sample of States Ordered by Number of Cases from Facilities in Red Trajectory Group during week of November 15, 2020

Residents Weekly Confirmed COVID-19 Cases







# Inspection Report Text Modeling



# Text Processing

- Case normalization
- HTML Tag removal
- Special Symbol removal
- Punctuation removal
- Stopwords removal
- Frequent words removal
- Rare words removal
- Tokenization
- Stemming
- Lemmatization

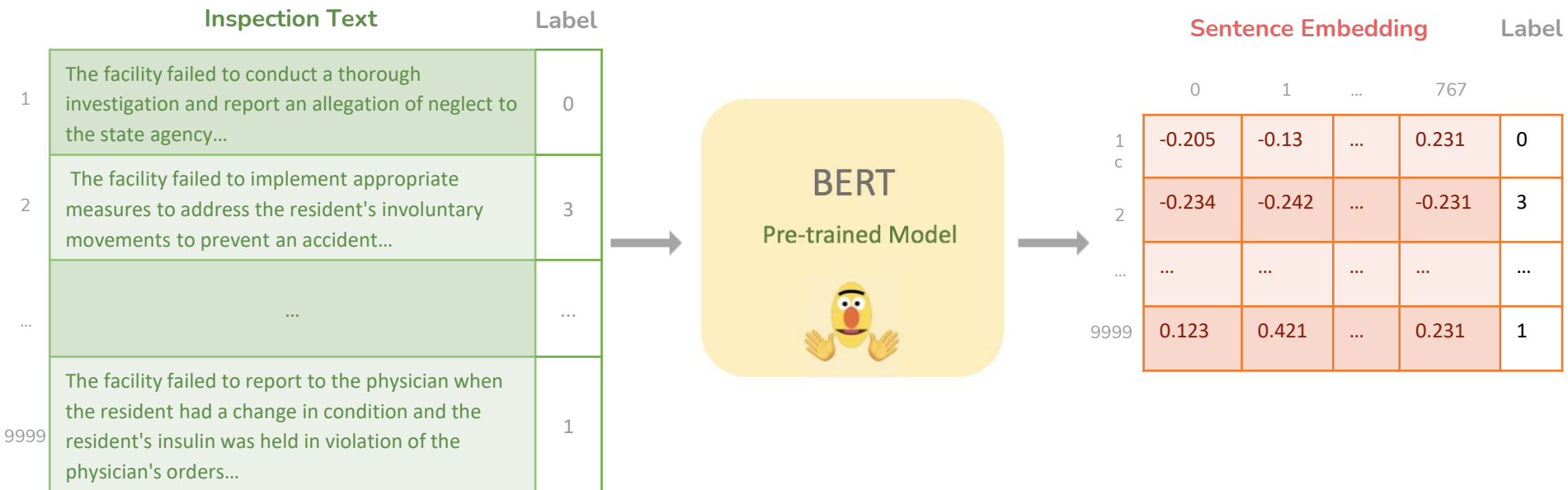
**\*\*NOTE- TERMS IN BRACKETS HAVE BEEN EDITED TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY\*\***

<BR>Based on clinical record review, review of facility documentation and interviews for one sampled resident (Resident #347) who had reported a grievance regarding mistreatment, the facility failed to conduct a thorough investigation and/or report an allegation of neglect to the state agency. The finding include:<BR>Resident #347's [DIAGNOSES REDACTED].<BR>The Resident Care Plan (RCP) dated 1/13/17 identified the resident with lung disease. Interventions directed to obtain pulse oximetry every shift and when needed, notify physician if oxygen saturation is below 90%, to administer oxygen as ordered and/or directed to observe for worsening Shortness of Breath (SOB), and to notify the physician of any unrelieved or new SOB at rest.<BR>The 14 day Minimum Data Set (MDS) assessment dated [DATE] identified Resident #347 as noted with intact cognition, required extensive assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and indicated the received oxygen therapy.<BR>The physician's orders [REDACTED].<BR>A podiatry consultation report dated 2/7/17 at 3:17 P.M. identified Resident #347 was sent from the facility to the podiatry appointment with an empty oxygen tank. The resident's oxygen saturation level was at 90% (Normal Value greater than 95%).<BR>The nurse's note dated 2/7/17 at 9:07 P.M. identified Resident #347 was alert and oriented, had no acute respiratory distress and no glycemic issues.<BR>The Grievance/Concern Report received 2/8/17 identified on 2/7/17 Resident #347's portable oxygen tank was empty while the resident was at doctor's appointment. The Grievance/Concern Report dated 2/8/17 further indicated the resident returned back to the facility after the appointment and her/his pulse oximetry was at 90%. The nurse directed the NA to bring the resident to her/his room and connect him/she to his/her concentrated oxygen tank.<BR>The Reportable Event Form dated 2/16/17 identified Resident #347's family reported the resident went to a doctor's appointment without sufficient amount of oxygen which subsequently cause the resident to run out of oxygen. Additionally, the Reportable Event indicated that upon return to facility the resident asked for help with the oxygen but did not receive any assistance from the staff.<BR>A review of clinical record and review of the facility investigation regarding the allegation of neglect lacked documentation to reflect the time the resident left the facility for the podiatry appointment, when the resident returned from the appointment and how many liters of oxygen Resident #347 had in the oxygen. Facility documentation also failed to reflect the amount of oxygen the resident had in the tank prior to leaving the facility and/ or if the resident's portable oxygen tank had been checked prior to the appointment.<BR>A further review of facility documentation records, Risk Management System (RMS) dated 2/13/17 reflected that the facility identified the family and Resident #347 concerns were identified as an alleged abuse and/or neglect.<BR>A review of the facility investigation dated 2/13/17 identified the facility conducted their investigation 5 days after the family and/or the resident expressed a concern regarding an allegation of neglect.<BR>Interview and review of facility documentation with Social Worker [SW #1] on 9/27/17 at 11:00 [NAME]M. identified on 2/13/17 she/he conducted a follow up interview with Resident #347. H



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# Natural Language Processing Model: BERT



Accuracy: 72%

# Word Embedding - TFIDF

Word	Report 1	Report 2	...	TF-IDF 1	TF-IDF 2	...
Facility	1	1	...	0.00	0.00	...
Failed	1	1	...	0.00	0.00	...
to	1	2	...	0.00	0.02	...
provide	1	1	...	0.00	0.00	...
adequate	1	0	...	0.54	0.00	...
supervision	3	0	...	0.68	0.00	...
and	2	2	...	0.00	0.00	...
efficient	4	1	...	0.67	0.12	...
intervention	2	0	...	0.57	0.00	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...

$$tf_{t,d} = \frac{n_{t,d}}{\text{Number of terms in the document}}$$

$$idf_t = \log \frac{\text{number of documents}}{\text{number of documents with term 't'}}$$

$$(tf\_idf)_{t,d} = tf_{t,d} * idf_t$$

# Example: TFIDF keyword extraction

"The findings include:<BR/> Resident #2's [DIAGNOSES REDACTED].",  
"The admission nurse's note dated 4/2/18 at 3:56 PM identified Resident #2 was alert oriented to person, place and time, was verbally appropriate and had a surgical wound",  
"The nurse's note dated 4/2/18 at 11:14 PM identified a dressing changed was performed to the left foot with measurements as follow: from the left thigh to knee there were twelve (12) staples and  
"Review of the skin and/or wound notes from 4/6/18 through 8/29/18 identified that although Resident #2's surgical wound to left lower extremity was monitored weekly by the treatment nurse a Lic  
"Interview with the treatment/wound nurse, LPN #2, on 7/3/19 at 11:15 AM identified that she was responsible to monitor resident's pressure ulcers and/or other wounds weekly.",  
'LPN #2 stated she rounds weekly with the wound physician, and typically the wound physician does not monitor residents with surgical wounds.',  
'Interview with the Director of Nursing (DON) on 7/3/19 at 1:55 PM identified that a licensed practical nurse (LPN) was responsible to monitor wounds on weekly bases and to conduct weekly wounds  
'The DON stated if the wound was not classified as a pressure ulcer, the wound physician was available on an as needed bases and Resident #2 was not being monitored by the wound physician due to  
'The DON identified she oversees the wound nurse.'

**Keywords:** surgical, staple, wound, nurse, knee, monitor, wind, physician, identify, weekly



# Hybrid Model Inspection Text & Structured Data

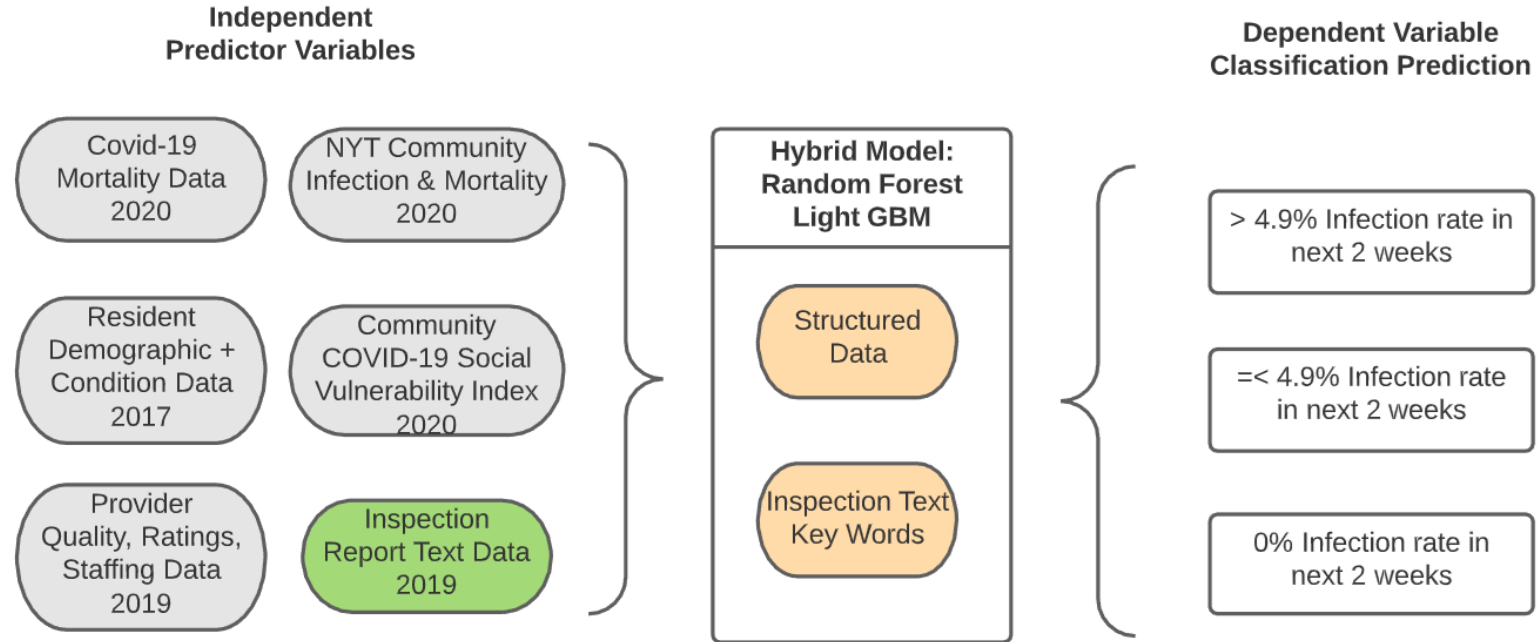


# Target Dependent Variable: Covid-19 Resident Infection Rate

$$\left( \frac{\text{Resident Covid Infections}}{\text{\# Occupied Beds}} \right) \times 100$$

**What % of residents in this nursing home will be confirmed newly infected in the next two-week period?**

# Hybrid Model Combined Structured Data with Inspection Report Text

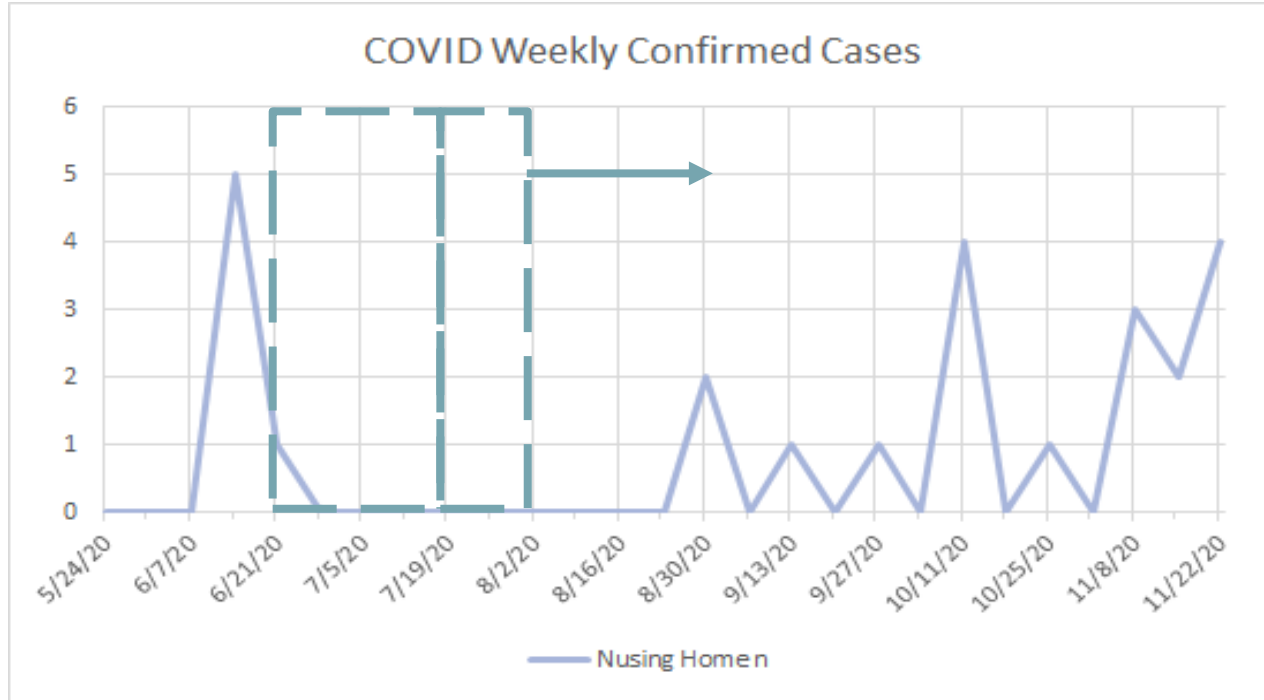


\*4.9% is average infection rate for the general population.



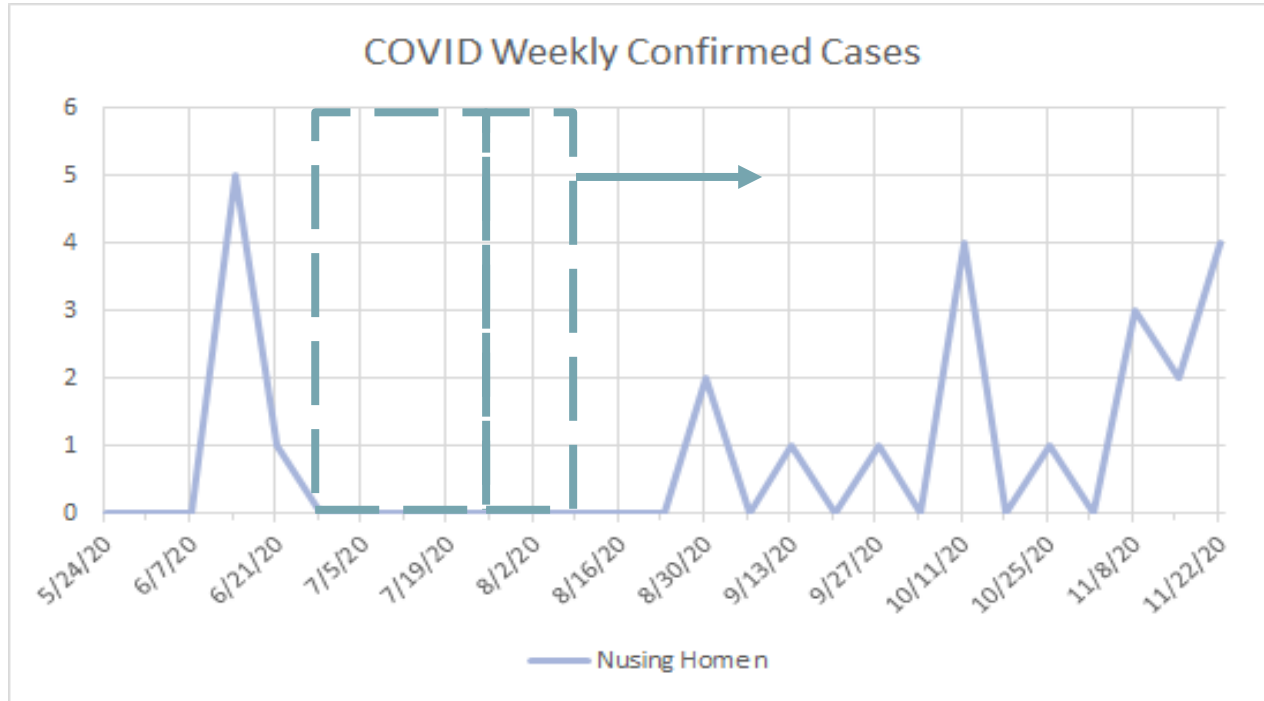
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Training



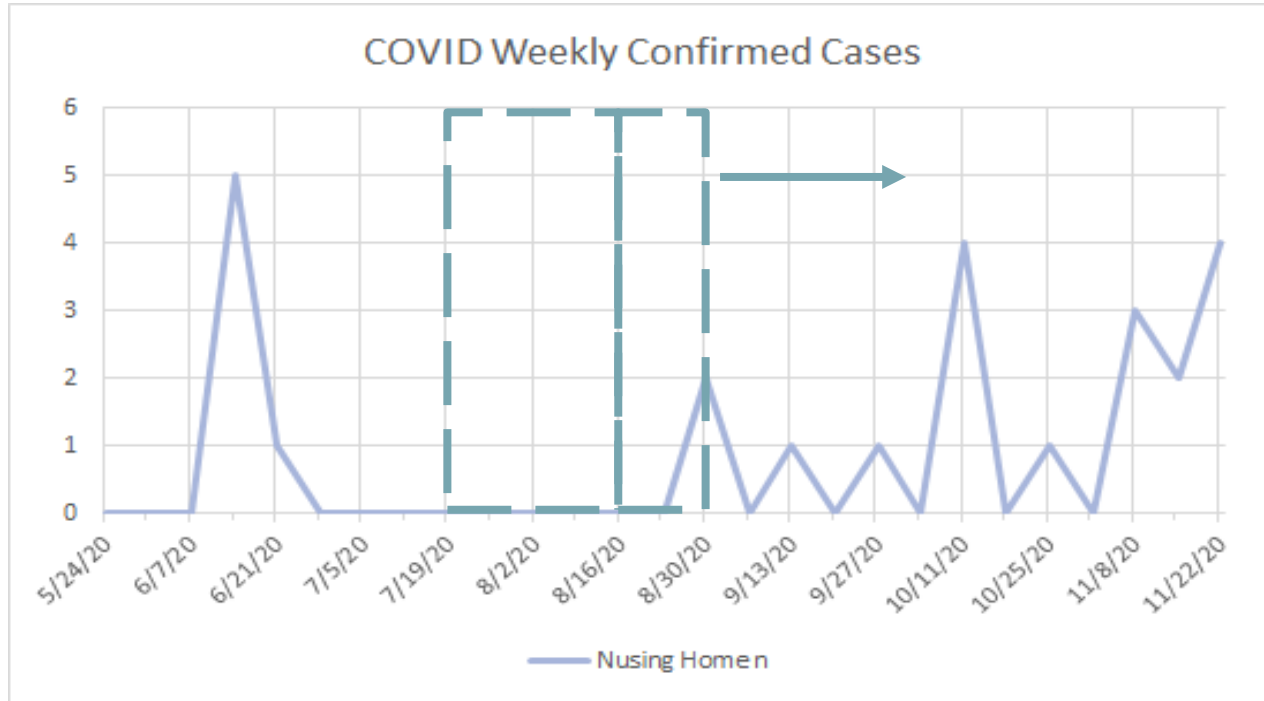
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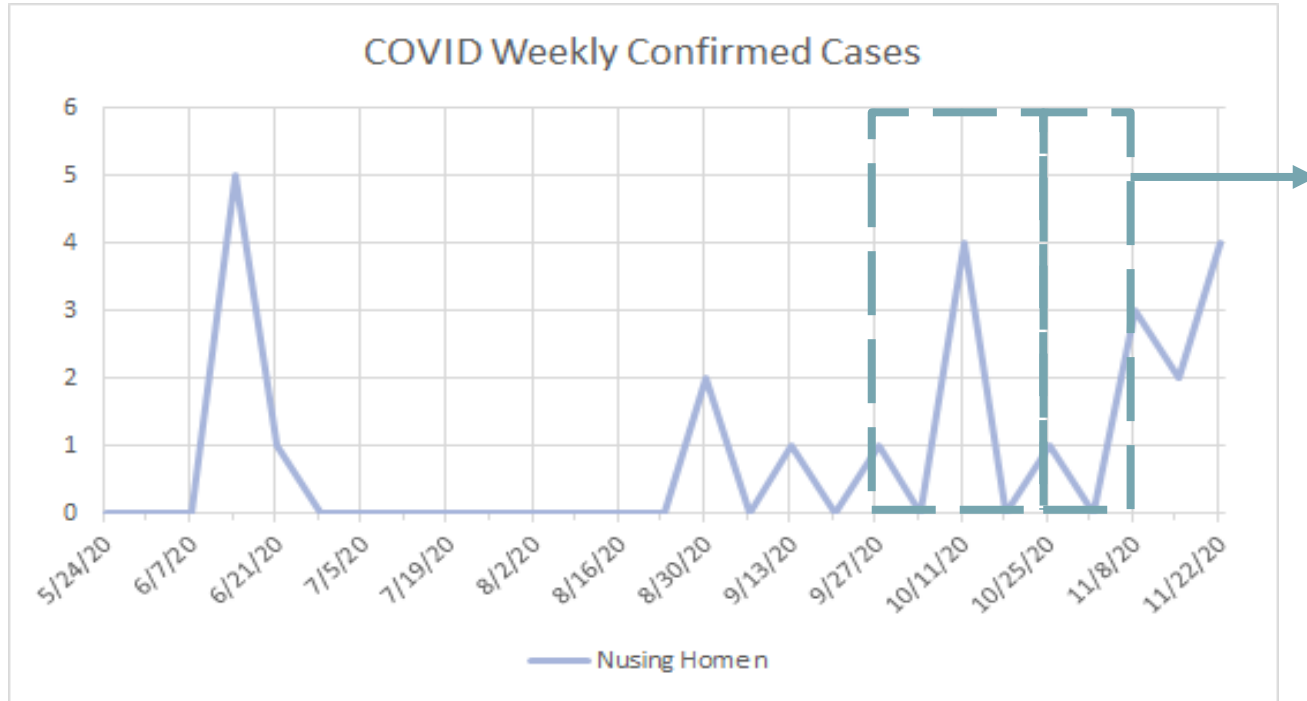
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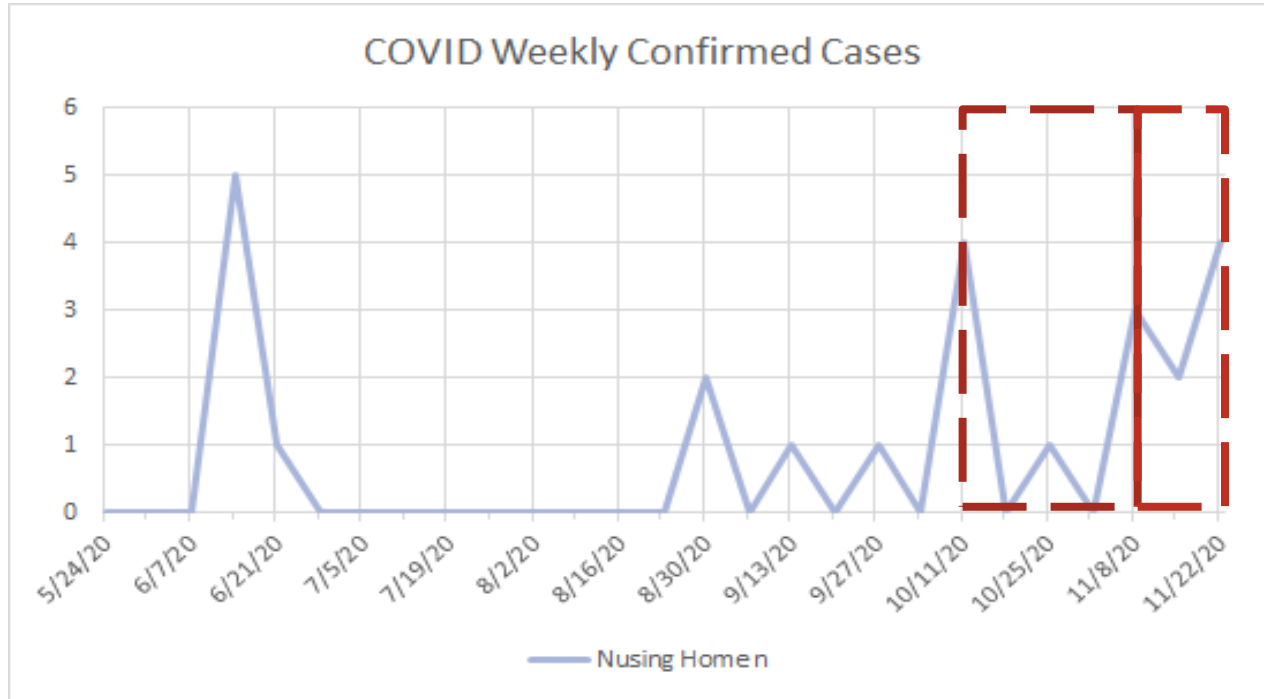


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# Sample of Important Features from Hybrid Classification Model

Feature Selection : From 159 features to 50 features

## Community Factors

- Community infection/mortality
- COVID-19 Social Vulnerability Score

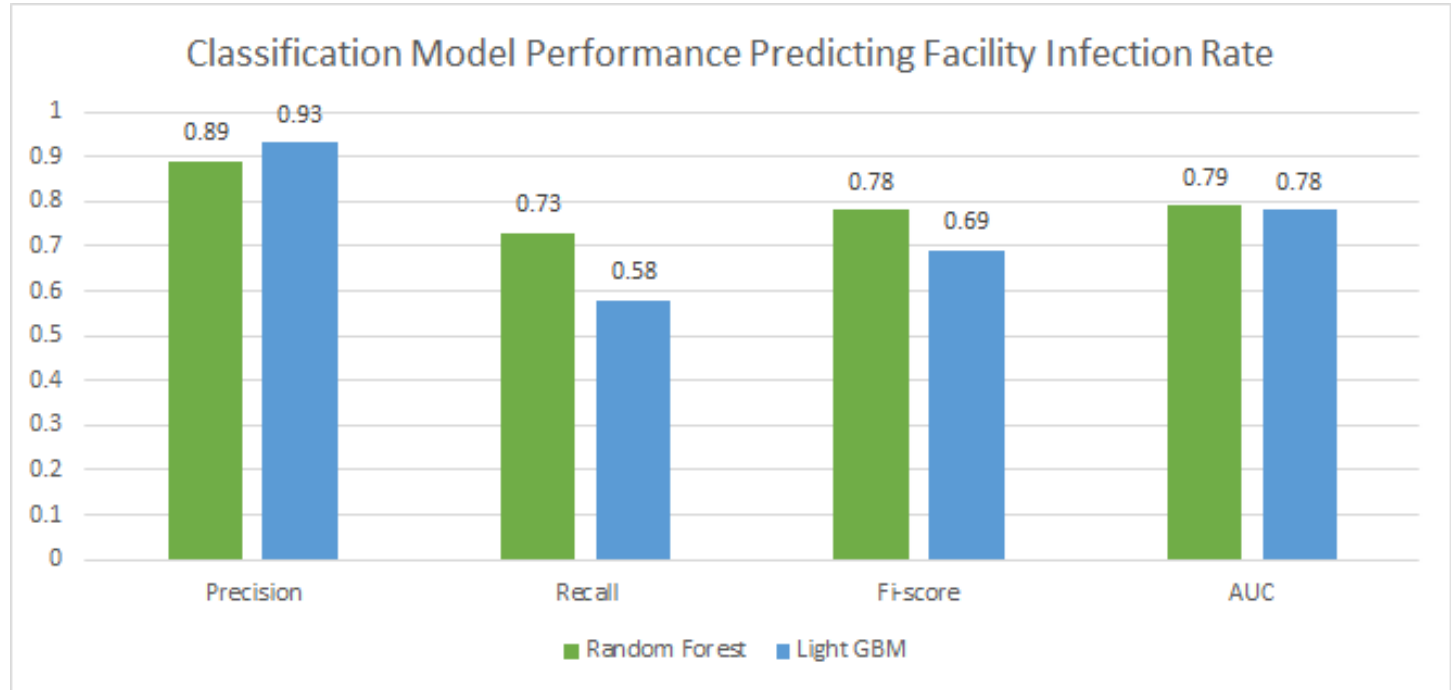
## Resident Health

- Resident Acuity
- % Residents with Hypertension
- Rehospitalization Rate

## Resident Demographics

- Total Number of Residents in Facility
- % White/Black Residents
- Average Age
- % Female Residents

# Hybrid Model Results



# Selected Model Prediction Results

		Predicted		
		Risk	Low	Middle
Actual	Low	✓ 6752	2564	2332
	Middle	! 0	✓ 285	230
	High	! 0	199	✓ 208

Low Misidentification of  
>0% Infection Groups

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
Low	1.00	0.58	0.73	11648
Middle	0.09	0.55	0.16	515
High	0.08	0.51	0.13	407
accuracy			0.58	12570
macro avg	0.39	0.55	0.34	12570
weighted avg	0.93	0.58	0.69	12570



# Modeling Limitations and Future Steps

## Limitations:

- Imbalanced data
- Novel pandemic with limited historic data
- Not involving policy and human behavior
- Important features from modeling still merit further examination

## Future Steps:

- Construct label classification involving both infection and mortality to present the comprehensive risk
- Consider both long term and short term historical data impact
- Add local level policy decisions data
- Validate important features using diverse methods



# **Client Deliverables: Interactive Dashboard**



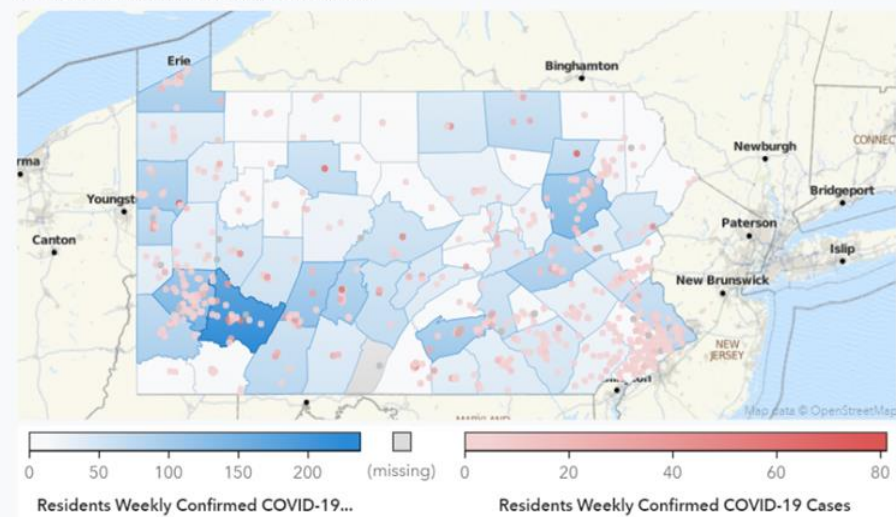
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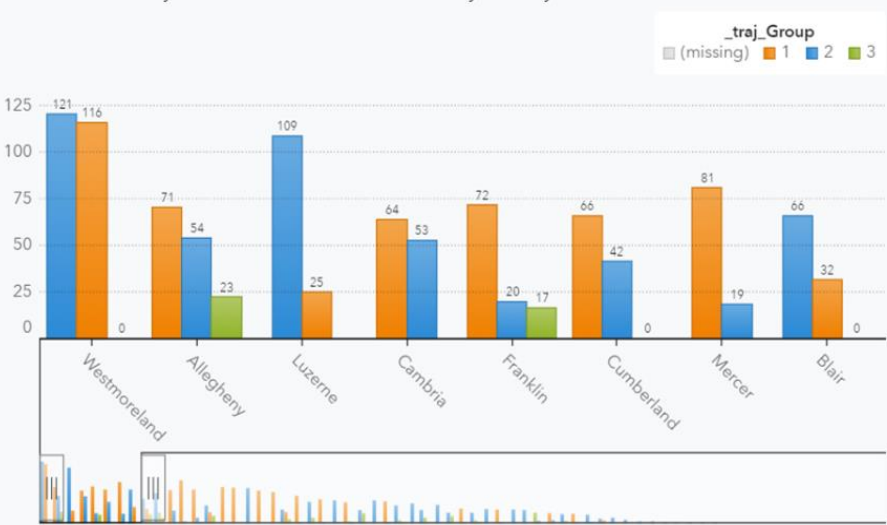
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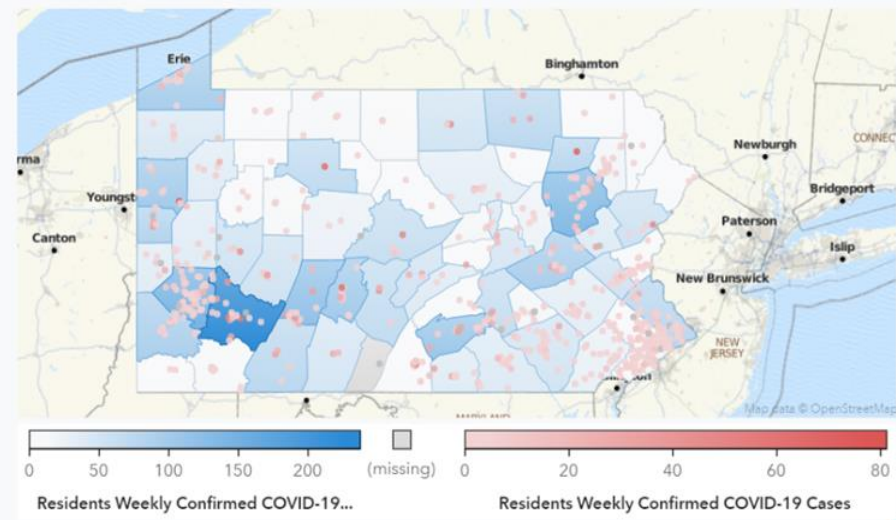


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ELK HAVEN NURSING HOME	Elk	86.8	64	6%	1
ALTOONA CENTER FOR NURSING CARE	Blair	92.3	62	.	2
TWIN LAKES REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE CENTER	Westmoreland	105	56	10%	1

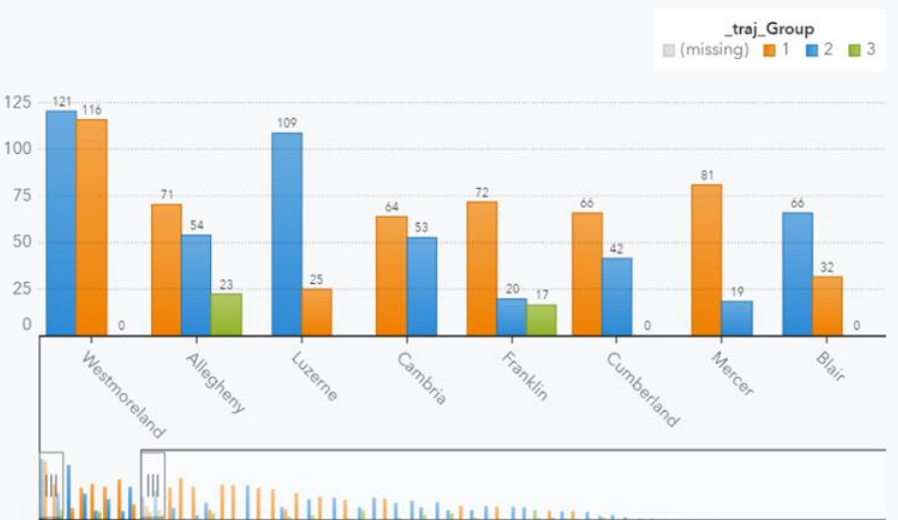
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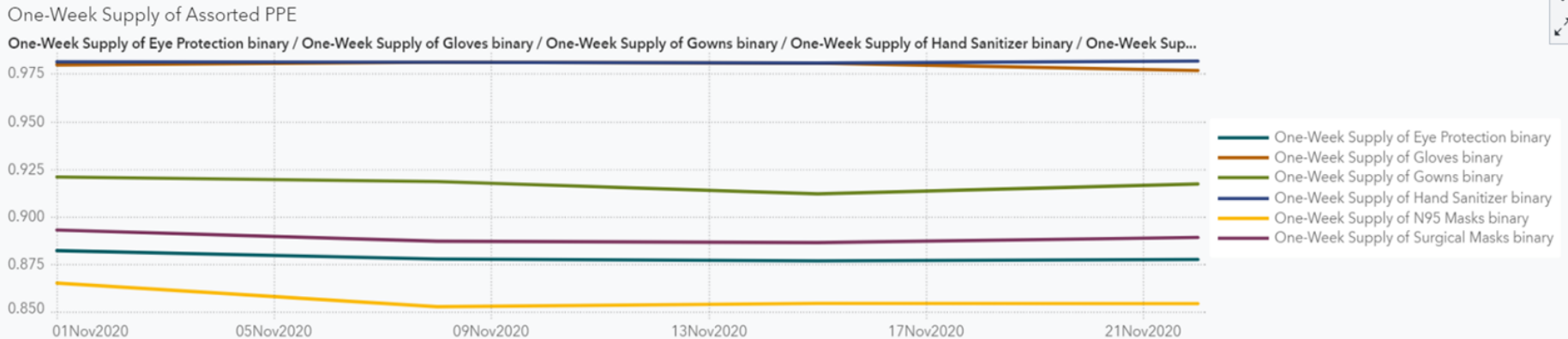
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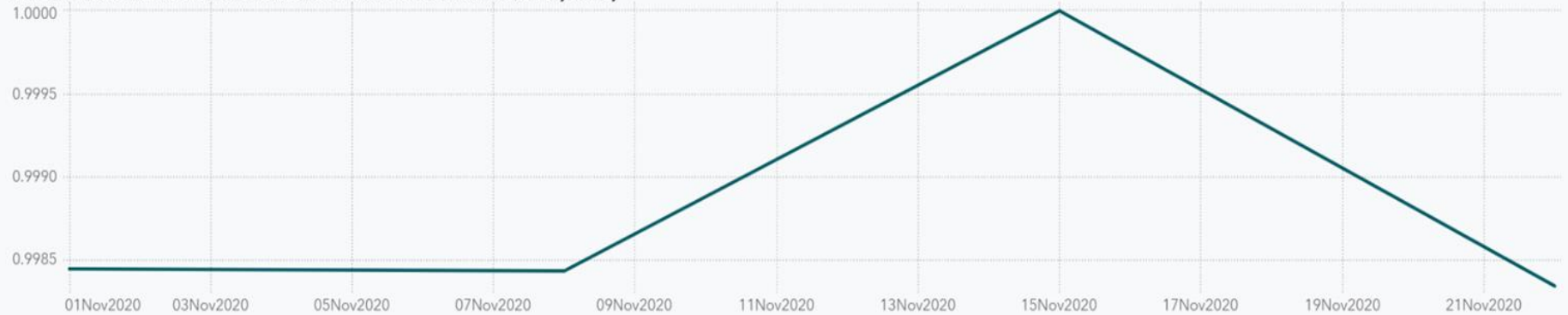
Provider County	Provider Name	One-Week Supply of Eye Protection binary	One-Week Supply of Gloves binary ▲	One-Week Supply of Gowns binary	One-Week Supply of Hand Sanitizer binary	One-Week Supply of N95 Masks binary	One-Week Supply of Surgical Masks binary	One-Week Supply of Ventilator Supplies binary
Erie	LECOM AT PRESQUE ISLE, INC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lackawanna	ALLIED SERVICES SKILLED NURSING...	1	1	.67	.67	.67	1	1
Lancaster	CONESTOGA VIEW	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lehigh	GOOD SHEPHERD HOME RAKER CE...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lycoming	MUNCY PLACE	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Montgomery	ARISTACARE AT MEADOW SPRINGS	1	1	1	1	.75	1	1

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**TESTING CAPACITY:** Contact facilities unable to test all staff 100% of the time in the last 4-6 weeks. Address their reasons for not testing and provide them necessary resources.

Able to Test or Obtain Resources to Test All Staff and/or Personnel Within Next 7 Days binary by Week

Able to Test or Obtain Resources to Test All Staff and/or Personnel Within Next 7 Days binary



Provider Name	Provider County	Able to Test or Obtain Resources to Test All Staff and/o...	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Lack of Access to Tra...	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Lack of Access to Lab...	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Lack of PPE for Perso...	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Lack of Supplies binary	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Other binary	Reason for Not Testing Staff and/or Personnel - Uncertainty About Re...
GINO J MERLI VETERANS CENTER	Lackawanna	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

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**DATA QUALITY ASSURANCE:** Contact the facilities with less than 100% record of Passing Quality Assurance Check in the last 4-6 weeks and review submission protocols.

Passed Quality Assurance Check binary, Submitted Data binary by Week

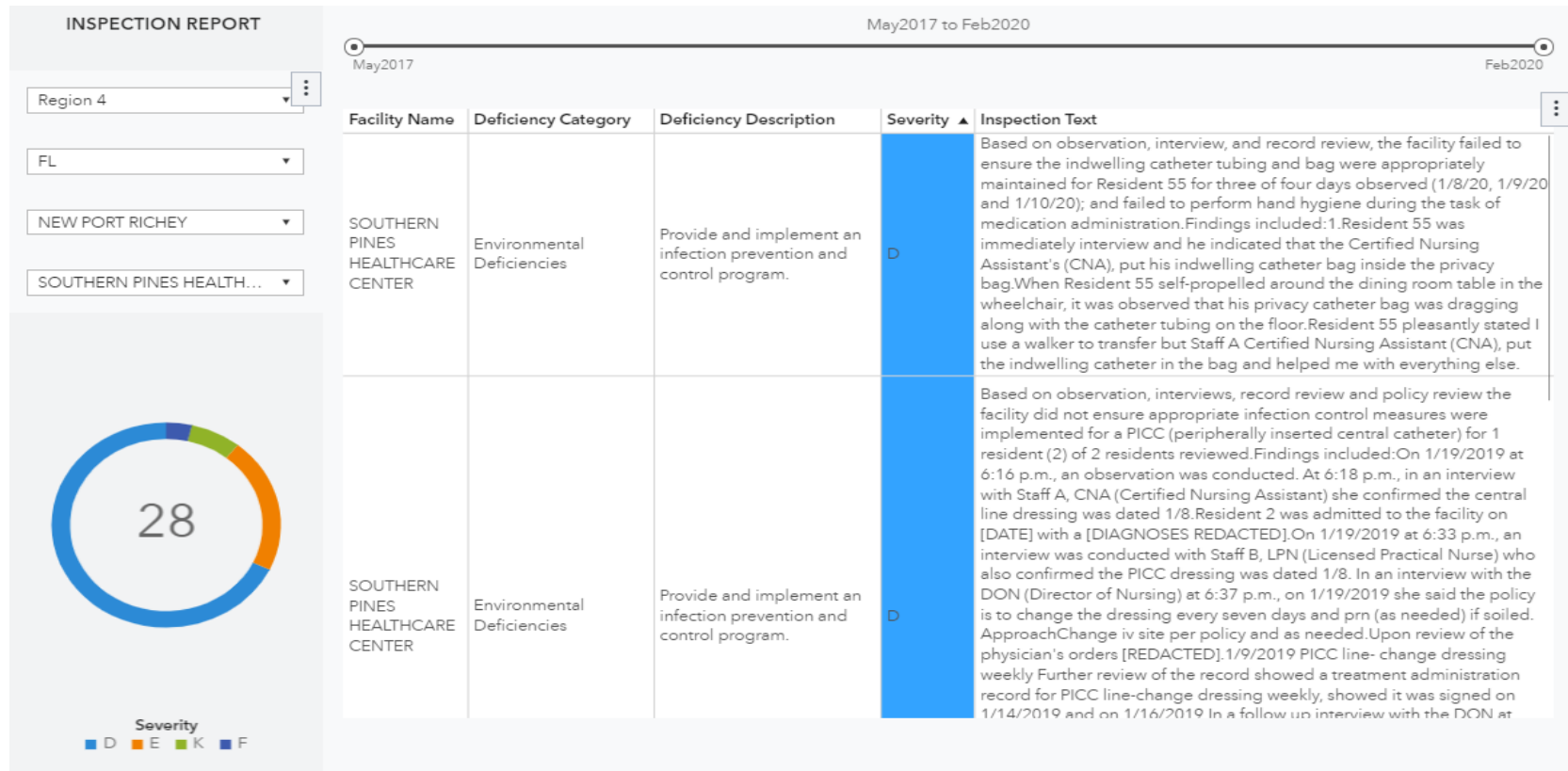
Passed Quality Assurance Check binary / Submitted Data binary



Provider County	Provider Name	Submitted Data binary	Passed Quality Assurance Check binary ▲
Carbon	SUMMIT AT BLUE MOUNTAIN NURSING...	100%	0%
Westmoreland	GREENSBURG CARE CENTER	25%	0%
Cumberland	CUMBERLAND CROSSINGS RETIREMEN...	100%	0%
Luzerne	GARDENS AT EAST MOUNTAIN, THE	100%	0%
Fulton	FULTON COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	100%	0%
Luzerne	TIMBER RIDGE HEALTH CENTER	100%	0%
Crawford	EMBASSY OF PARK AVENUE	100%	25%
Centre	VILLAGE AT PENN STATE, THE	100%	25%
Butler	QUALITY LIFE SERVICES - CHICORA	100%	25%
Cumberland	BETHANY VILLAGE RETIREMENT CENTER	100%	25%
York	SPIRITRUST LUTHERAN THE VILLAGE A...	100%	25%
Centre	EMBASSY OF HEARTHSIDE	100%	25%
Allegheny	BRIDGEVILLE REHABILITATION & CARE...	100%	50%
Bucks	PHOFB RICH AND HCC	100%	50%



# Investigation: Summarize nursing home inspection report narratives for more efficient review by investigators.



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Facility Name	Deficiency Category	Deficiency Description	Severity ▲	Inspection Text
MADISON POINTE CARE CENTER	Environmental Deficiencies	Provide and implement an infection prevention and control program.	D	Based on observation, interview and record review the facility failed to follow infection control practices related to adequately cleaning blood glucose meters for two residents (7 and 99) of two residents observed for glucose monitoring. An observation on 2/11/20 at 4:55 p.m. revealed Staff A, Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) removed the blood glucose meter from the top drawer of the medication cart and set it on the top of the cart. She opened the top drawer of the medication cart and placed the uncleaned blood glucose meter inside. An observation on 2/11/20 at 6:00 p.m. revealed Staff B, Registered Nurse (RN) had two blood glucose meters sitting on top of her medication cart in plastic cups.

# Inspection report (cont.)

## INSPECTION REPORT

Region 4

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SOUTHERN PINES HEAL...

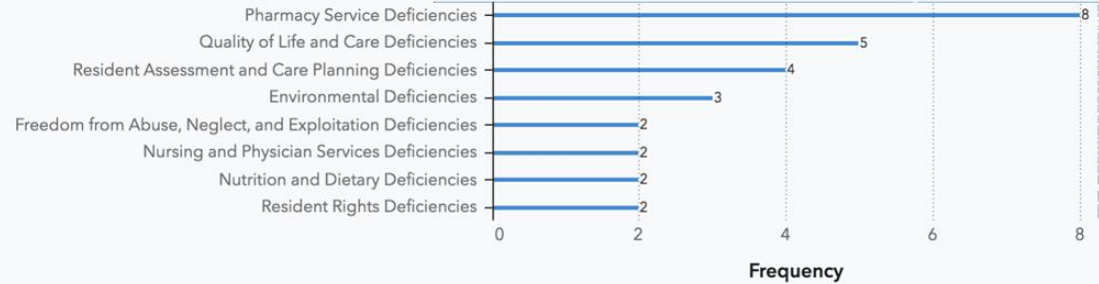


Severity

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< Category Distribution Time Series Trend >

### Frequency of Deficiency Category



# Intervention: Operationalize potential equitable vaccine allocation strategy in interactive dashboard.

## Tribal Facilities & Non-Continental Facilities

Facilities in the CMS Tribal Nursing Home Collaborative for which COVID-19 data was reported; Select CMS facilities with >10% Native American/Alaska Native Residents for which COVID-19 data was reported. Facilities in HI, AK, PR, and GU.

## Facilities Ranked by Number of Residents, Share of Black/Hispanic residents, Resident Acuity, and Community COVID-19 Social Vulnerability.

Primary rank facilities by Number of Residents highest to lowest with % Black/Hispanic residents as tie-breaker highest to lowest.

Among facilities missing % Black/Hispanic, Average Resident Acuity as tie-breaker highest to lowest.

Among facilities for which we lack any demographic or acuity data, ranked by Community COVID-19 Social Vulnerability Index highest to lowest.

Provider Name	Provider State (1)	Number of Residents in Facility (average) ▼	2017 % Black or Hispanic Residents ▼	2017 Average Acuity Index ▼	County Social Vulnerability Index Score (0-1) ▼	⋮
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY-GRACEDALE	PA	537	6%	11.382	0.059 <sup>1</sup>	
CEDARBROOK SENIOR CARE AND REHABILITATION	PA	508	13%	11.944	0.31	
FAIR ACRES GERIATRIC CENTER	PA	450	.	11.355	0.141	
MASONIC VILLAGE AT ELIZABETHTOWN	PA	374	.	12.672	0.202	
CONESTOGA VIEW	PA	348	14%	13.129	0.202	
BRIGHTON REHABILITATION AND WELLNESS CENTER	PA	347	.	13.134	0.103	
SPRING CREEK REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER	PA	343	30%	13.394	0.299	
NESHAMINY MANOR HOME	PA	340	.	12.559	0.017	
HORSHAM CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE	PA	332	.	11.259	0.099	
PLEASANT ACRES REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER	PA	311	.	11.786	0.047	
WESTMORELAND MANOR	PA	306	.	12.64	0.291	
BERKS HEIM NURSING & REHABILITATION	PA	304	.	12.691	0.176	

# Reflections and Insights

1. Improve modeling by capturing policy and human behavior.
2. Forecasting is difficult in a novel disease pandemic.
3. NLP can support efficient report review.
4. SAS Viya can visualize complex problems and identify actionable solutions.
5. Our custom data and analysis pipeline is agile.

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# Questions?

