



Newsletter: Winter 2024

*Part of the Virginia Department
of Health's Long-Term Care
Infrastructure Pilot Projects*

**IMPACT areas of focus: Infection Control Learning Series
and Telehealth Optimization in Congregate Care**

Telehealth Optimization

The Virginia IMPACT team believes that optimal use of telehealth technology strengthens a community's overall emergency preparedness. More specifically, this technology, when done right, becomes part of infectious disease management infrastructure, improves access to and delivery of care, and contributes to fiscal responsibility.

Our approach is based on the three principles of Age-Inclusive Telehealth: that interventions should be patient-centered, equitable and accessible, and integrated and coordinated. We have developed an achievable, stepwise approach, keeping in mind the operational priorities and challenges facing congregate communities.

The Virginia IMPACT team proposes a process consisting of assessment, brief on-site consultations, and ongoing supported learning to help congregate communities establish and optimize telehealth use for vulnerable and isolated populations. **All consultations, reports, and follow up services are free and fully covered by this grant funded project.**

Virtual Learning Series Upcoming Session ([register here](#)):

March 20, 2024, 12:30-1:30 PM EST: Long COVID/Functional Implications with Talia Pollok, DPT, CCS, UVA Post COVID Clinic

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