

## **Severe staffing and personal protective equipment shortages faced by nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

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Based on data from the CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Database, this study found that more than 20% of [nursing homes](#) report a severe shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) and shortage of staff; rates for staffing and PPE did not improve from May to July of 2020. Nursing homes with COVID-19 cases among residents and staff, and those with lower [quality scores](#), were more likely to report shortages.