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COVID-19 in Connecticut Nursing Homes

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Phone: 1-202-381-8915 TTY: 1-202-376-8116 Online: www.usccr.gov The Committee is examining the causes of the large infection rate in nursing homes and the necessary corrective action needed to address the problem.

The Committee will hear have an open comment session to hear public statements. The record is open for written testimony for thirty days after the hearing. For more information please contact the Eastern Regional Office.

The COVID-19 pandemic is devastating nursing homes around the country. Connecticut facilities have suffered exceptional losses, accounting for over 70 percent of the total COVID-19 fatalities in the state through the end of May.

The Connecticut Advisory Committee is hosting Dr. Tamara Konetzka, a professor of Health Services Research in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Chicago. Professor Konetzka conducts research in health economics; aging, post-acute and long-term care; quality of care; and Medicare and Medicaid policy, focusing on the relationship between economic incentives and quality of care.

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