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COVID-19 Risk for Individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities Varies by Type of Residential Setting

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COVID-19 disproportionately affects people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). In the state of California, the level of risk for this population [varies by type of residence](#). People with IDD living in their own home or with family had COVID-19 case rates lower than Californians not receiving IDD services and case-fatality rates only slightly higher. In contrast, people with IDD residing in group settings with more residents had a substantially higher risk of testing positive for COVID-19, and those residing in settings providing more intensive skilled nursing care had an increased risk of dying from COVID-19. In Figure 1, we show COVID-19 case rates were highest in the two settings with the most residents: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) and Skilled Nursing Facilities. In Figure 2, case-fatality rates were highest in settings providing 24-hour skilled nursing care: ICF/DD - Nursing and Skilled Nursing Facilities settings.

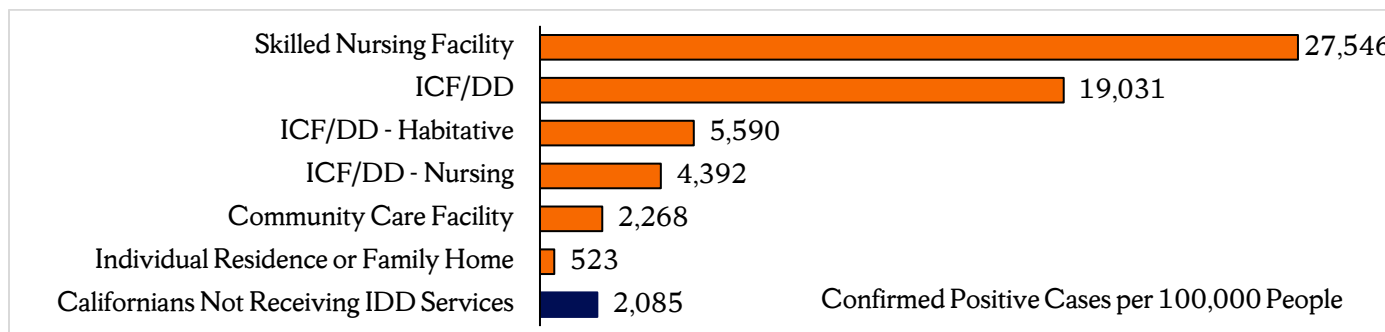


Figure 1. COVID-19 Case Rates in Varied Residential Settings for Californians with and without IDD

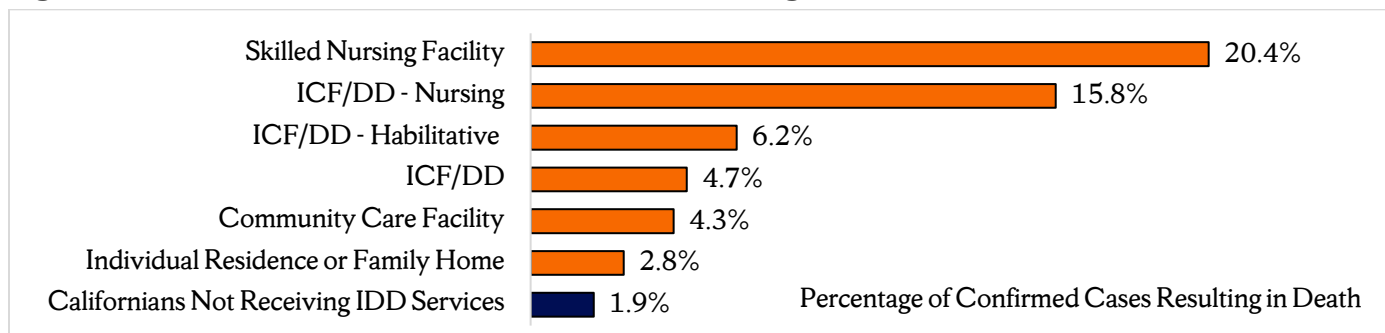


Figure 2. COVID-19 Case Fatality Rates in Varied Residential Settings for Californians with and without IDD

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