



On behalf of the Kansas Health Care Association (KHCA), we respectfully ask that you SUPPORT reasonable liability protections to our HEALTHCARE HEROES fighting COVID-19

- Nationally and in Kansas, nursing homes and assisted living communities have been one of the hardest hit professions with deaths from COVID-19.
- One-third of all COVID-related deaths happen to a nursing home resident or staff. This is a stealthy virus that feeds off our frail and vulnerable elders, the very population that nursing homes and assisted living facilities serve.
- 26 states have passed similar legislation since the advent of the COVID pandemic. They have ALL included the nursing home industry.
- Employees in long term care facilities are on the frontlines and are healthcare heroes. They are working under extraordinary conditions and shouldn't be forced to work under the threat of *both* death *and* litigation.
- Nursing homes should be treated no different than hospitals or other healthcare providers. To single out nursing homes during their greatest time of need would be patently unfair.
- As of two weeks ago, ONLY 80 of 330 nursing homes have had infection control inspections. This is just quarter of all nursing homes.
- **OUR ASK:** Nursing homes and assisted living centers are included any future legislation as protected entities.