

SITUATION UPDATE ON COVID IN LTCF'S

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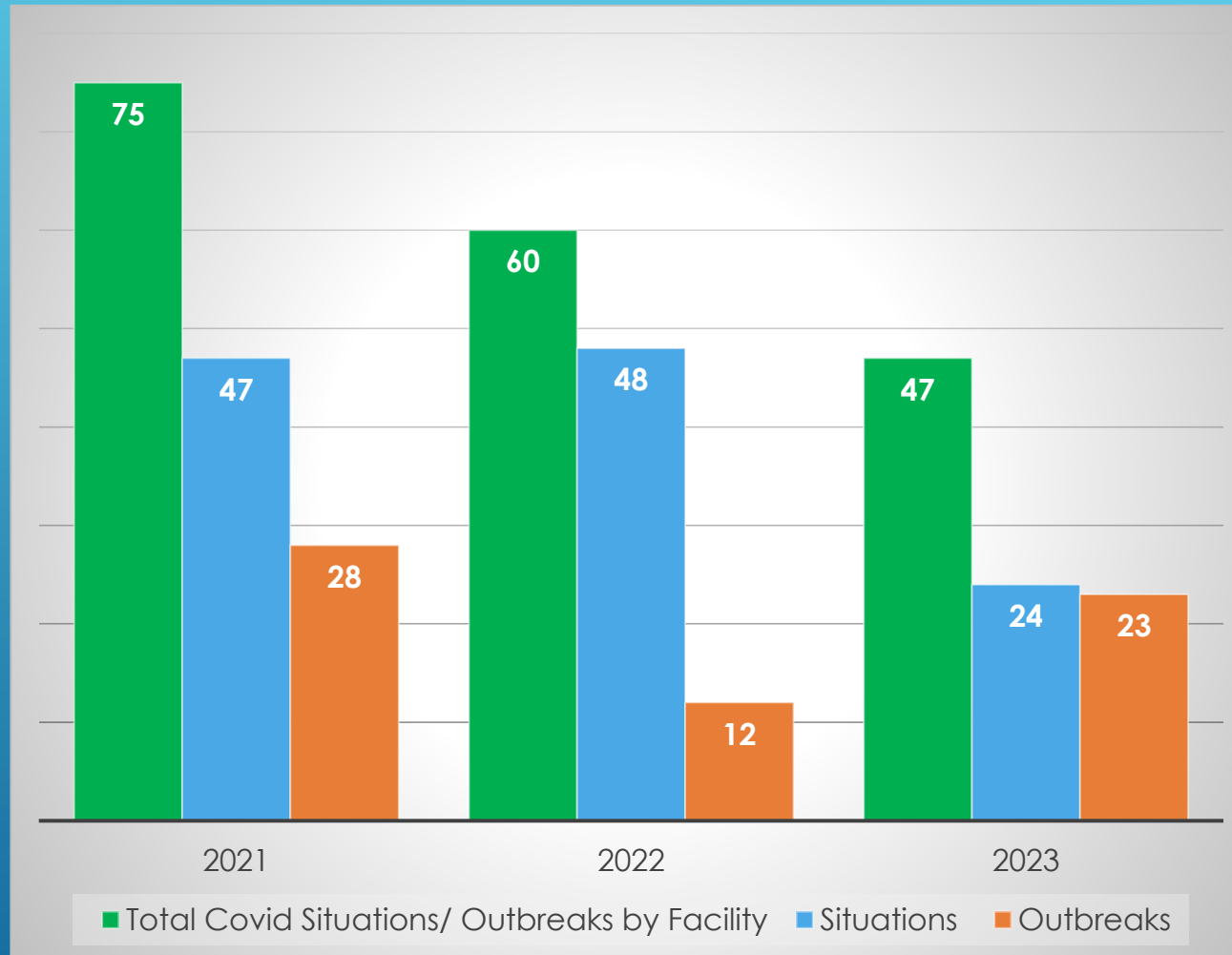
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL FACILITY SITUATIONS/OUTBREAKS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

SITUATION= LESS THEN THREE CONNECTED COVID CASES IN A FACILITY

OUTBREAK = MORE THEN THREE CONNECTED COVID CASES IN A FACILITY

TAKE-AWAYS:

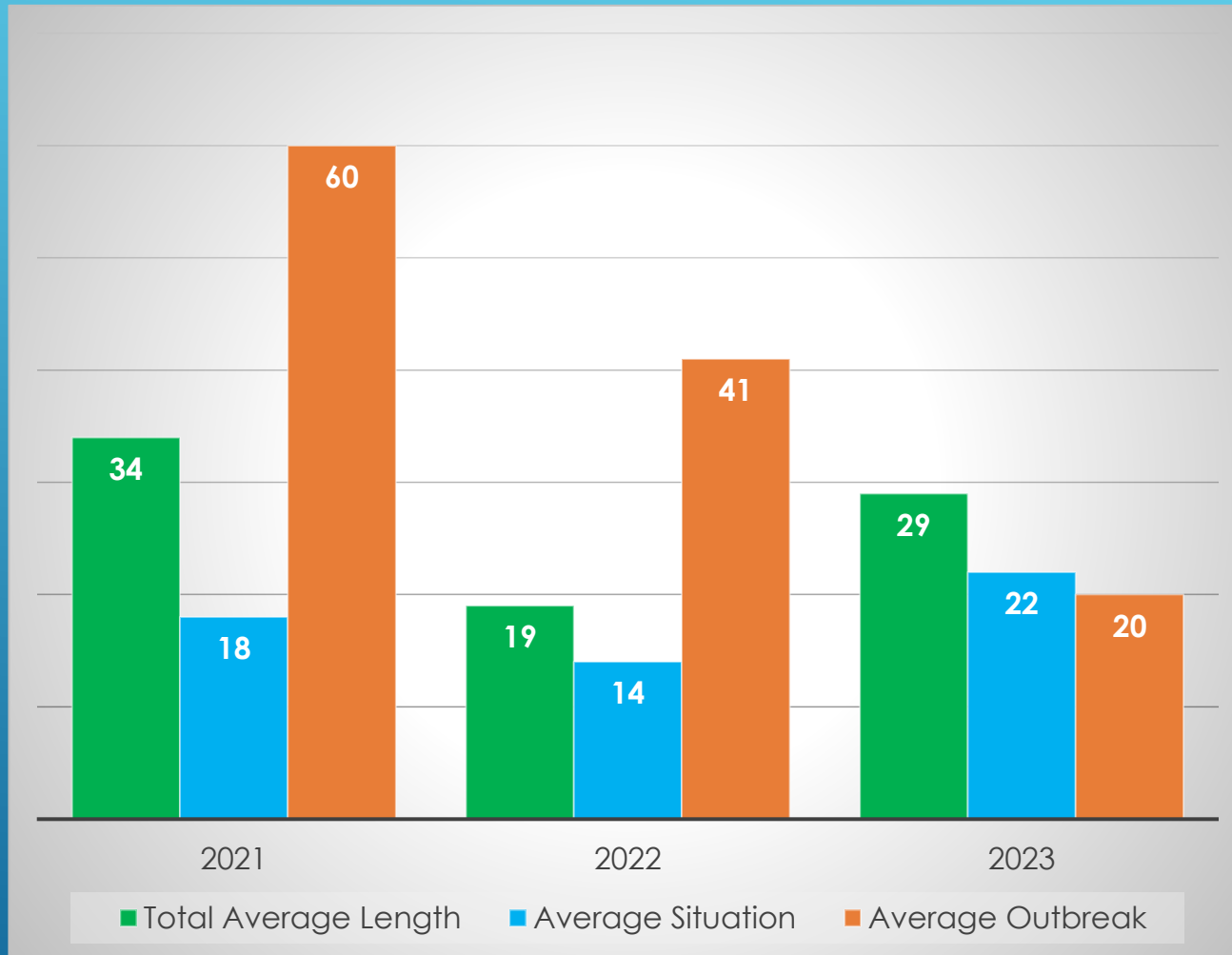
- OVERALL NUMBERS HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY OVER TIME
- ACCORDING TO VDH VERMONT IS CURRENTLY IN THE "LOW" RANGE WITH NUMBERS CREEPING IN THE PAST WEEKS.
- IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER FACILITIES CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES AS WELL



AVERAGE LENGTH IN DAYS OF COVID SITUATIONS/OUTBREAKS

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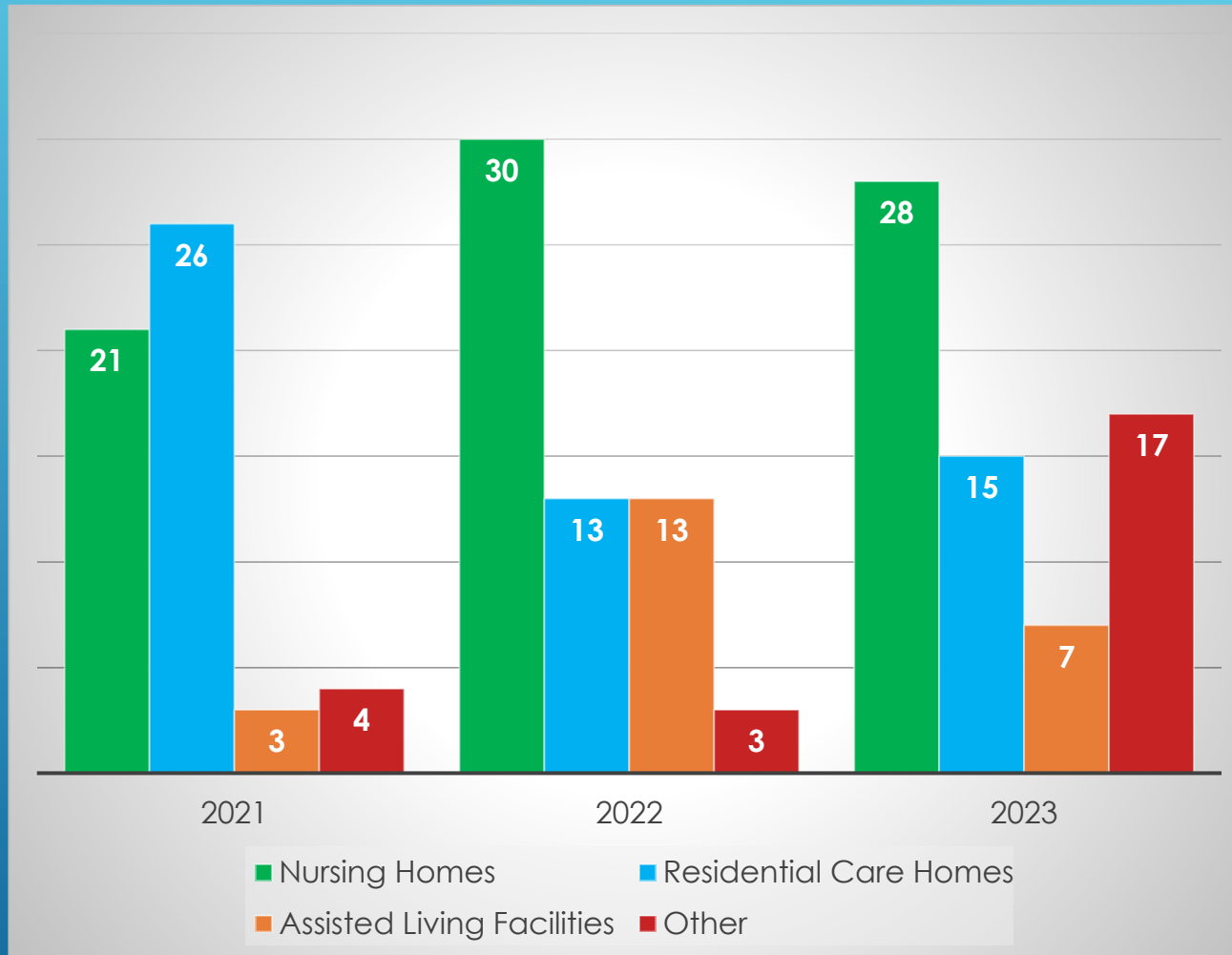
- LENGTH OF TIME HAS BEEN REDUCED TO WEEKS RATHER THEN MONTHS
- OVERALL SITUATIONS HAVE REDUCED BUT AVERAGE TIME IS CLIMBING BACK UP



SITUATIONS/OUTBREAKS BY FACILITY TYPE

TAKE- AWAYS:

NURSING HOMES CONTINUE TO BE
HIT HARDEST
-OTHER TYPES OF LTCF'S ARE NOW
REPORTING MORE HEAVILY THAN
BEFORE AND LIKELY NEED MORE
SUPPORT





Emergency Staffing Program – The state is no longer able to offer emergency staffing to facilities due to the contract and funding ending.



PPE Warehouse – Our PPE Warehouse is now only available in dire situations when facilities are unable to source their own PPE



HOPR Calls/ Covid Outreach – HOPR calls now lead by Covid Strike Team and the COVID EPI's and VDH attend

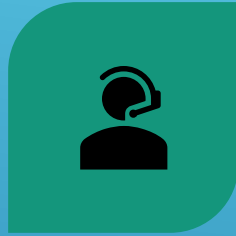


VDH continues to offer a program called ICAR to facilities, this program is designed to help facilities find places they could improve without judgement

UPDATE ON SERVICES PROVIDED:



THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED INCREASE IN REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY STAFFING IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS DESPITE THE PROGRAM BEING OVER. THIS INDICATES THAT STAFFING CONTINUES TO BE A STRUGGLE FOR FACILITIES



THERE HAS BEEN DECREASED PARTICIPATION IN COVID SUPPORT CALLS WITH THE STRIKE TEAM ALONG WITH A REDUCTION IN SERVICES AVAILABLE TO FACILITIES DURING THESE SUPPORT CALLS. FACILITIES MAY NO LONGER NEED AS MUCH GUIDANCE



A DELAY IN REAL TIME INFORMATION BEING AVAILABLE TO HOSPITALS THROUGH THE BEDBOARD AND OVERWHELMING NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO LTCF'S CLOGGING UP THE FLOW OF PATIENTS

CURRENT
ISSUES/OBSERVATIONS
FROM THE STRIKE
TEAM'S
COMMUNICATION
WITH LTCF'S



STRIKE TEAM PROJECTS TO ADDRESS CURRENT ISSUES



Through groups like the Barriers to Patient Flow Group work is being done to identify the barriers between post acute care in hospitals and placements in Long Term Care Settings



Production of a playbook for hospitals of who to contact and how to work on the barriers preventing placement



Remaining a supportive and nonjudgmental place for LTCF's to get guidance and connect to resources

GATHERING AND SHARING INFORMATION



Provide training to facility employees to allow facilities to fit test their own employees.



Fit testing will reduce time between hiring staff and staff being able to begin work



Reduce costs to facilities in no longer having to hire out for fit-testing

TRAIN THE TRAINER SERIES FOR FIT-TESTING



Revamp the current system into an accessible website



Make the census numbers more time accurate, more tailored to patient needs, and reducing call volume to facilities



Designed to improve the flow of patient post acute care

BEDBOARD WEBSITE