

NURSING HOMES

Accessing Local Nursing Homes in the United States

1. When on the internet go to google.com
2. Type in nursing homes
3. Click on the website Medicare.gov- Nursing Homes Compare- Geography Questions
4. You may search by city, zip code, state, county or facility name. Click on appropriate icon.

Example: click on **city**

click on the **down arrow to select state**

click on **down arrow to select distance desired**

click on **next step**

5. A list of the nursing homes, phone numbers and number of patient beds will be generated.

Phone Script for Booking Nursing Homes

When you call the facilities ask to speak to the **activities director:**

Hello, my name is _____ and I am calling from _____ church. The reason I am calling you today is that God has put the elderly on my heart and I would like to come into your facility and offer prayer to your residents. Our teams are well trained in terms of HIPPA laws (not taking names or private information). They are polite and not pushy. They wear name tags, knock at the doors to the residents' rooms, and will check in at each nursing station.

- Normally they are very grateful that we have a desire to come into the nursing homes and spend time with their patients.
- If they say **“yes, we can get a group together for you,”** I reply: “If it is alright with you, I prefer to go room to room and pray for the patients. This is because I know that many of the patients who really need prayer are not often able to attend group settings due to their physical limitations.” (This usually opens the door for room to room visits with the patients.)
- I schedule the visits at **10am, 1pm, 2:30pm, and 4pm.** These times seem to work well for the nursing homes daily schedules.
- It is important for the teams to stop at each individual nursing station in the nursing homes and let them know that they are there offering prayer to the patients. It is also important that they wear name tags.

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Key Points for the Nursing Homes

- Remember to use the Nursing Home Gospel Script.
- Introduce yourselves at the nurses' stations.
- Remember to not take down any names in the nursing home. Taking down names would be in violation of the HIPPA Law.
- Wear your name tags. This will make the staff and patients more comfortable.
- Knock loudly at the doors as many patients are hard of hearing.
- Go into the nursing homes with the intention of praying for everyone and leading everyone to the Lord.
- Witnessing to the staff is at the team leader's discretion.
- It is important to not spend too much time with any individual patient. There are many patients in each nursing home. Our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Confused patients may only be able to do the "condensed" version of the salvation prayer which was covered in the training class.
- It is important to not be intimidated by contracted patients confined to their beds. Many are lying in bed just waiting for the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
- Please be sure to get testimony cards and stat cards filled out from all of your team members before they leave.
- Pray for the sick and EXPECT MIRACLES TO HAPPEN!
- Approach residents and staff with the Gospel expecting favor to lead them all to the Lord!

Follow-Up Points for the Nursing Homes

- Follow-up in the nursing homes is important. Some of the ways we do this are:
 1. Setting up Bible studies for the patients.
 2. Conducting church services and visitations weekly/bi-weekly in the facilities.
 3. Going through the Nursing Home Gospel Script and offering salvation to new patients who have been admitted into the facilities.