NYC "COVID" Disruptions by Place of Death (July 2023 draft, J. Hockett)

Place of Death	Examples of Sudden Disruption/Changes	Potential Roles in Increasing or Decreasing Mortality (Effects)
Healthcare (Hospital Inpatient, ED, Outpatient)	• Urging people to "protect the hospitals" by staying away • Disaster-medicine protocols (e.g., NYS ventilator guidance) • Compassionate use of Remdesivir • Banning visitors and advocates • Focused testing for SARS-CoV-2; reduced testing for others • Canceling elective procedures • Unilateral DNRs, avoiding CPR, withholding care • Messaging emphasizing HCW risk • Testing in public housing/NHs • Encouraging NH transfers to hospitals	• Dehumanized, stressful environment • No outside witnesses to decisions • Fear-based decision-making • Misdiagnosis • Non-treatment / mistreatment • Delayed care
Decedent's Home / Dead on Arrival	• Stay-home orders (incl. Matilda's Law) • Changes to 911 protocols • Cancellation of communal activities • COVID testing in public housing • Separation from non-household interactions	
Nursing Homes / LTC Facilities	• Transferring COVID+ residents into hospitals • Moving residents between facilities • Isolating residents • Canceling community activities • Messaging emphasizing HCW self-protection • Reduced staff contact • Dedicated COVID wards • Masking staff and residents • Banning visitors and advocates	
Other Places	• Restrictions on homeless populations/shelters • Use of hotels	
Hospice Facilities	• Reallocating hospice beds to inpatient beds • Patients dying in hospitals or at home instead of hospice	