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CORONAVIRUS UPDATE...CALIFORNIA NURSING HOME PATIENTS

Several days ago, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that nursing homes can accept coronavirus patients, which was alarming. Yesterday, he announced that California will move senior citizens from nursing homes to the USNS Mercy Hospital ship to isolate them from the coronavirus and alleviate pressure on nursing homes. Newsom stated, "I'm just giving you an overall sense of seriousness in protecting our most vulnerable citizens". Only 15 coronavirus patients have been treated on the USNS Mercy since it docked in San Diego, CA.

To us as advocates, disrupting nursing home patients by moving them to this ship to help alleviate pressure on nursing homes does not appear to be in the best interest of the at-risk patients. It is a fact that California nursing homes are chronically understaffed, as are most nursing homes in the country. The USNS Mercy was sent to San Diego to care for coronavirus patients not to care for nursing home patients and alleviate nursing homes that do not properly staff their facilities.

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