Should We Reconsider Long Term Care?

Does Covid-19 change your mind about long-term care? According to the CDC, eight out of ten COVID-19 deaths reported in the U.S. have been adults 65 years old and older. Thirty-one percent of cases, forty-five percent of hospitalizations, and fifty-three percent of ICU admissions, were among adults age 65 or older. Most are in long-term care facilities.

Since Covid, these seniors have been stranded in their rooms, denied access to their families, and exposed to residents who returned from hospitals with Covid. Many of the elderly, who are more susceptible due to underlying health conditions, were forced to die alone. So, is long-term care the best way to take care of our seniors? Should children find ways to keep their parents at home, such as with mother-in-law apartments. Is it time to rethink eldercare?

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