

Hospice and Palliative Care Resources for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 02/10/21

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links. Please note, these Updates are published when there is helpful news to share.

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." — Vince Lombardi

Policy Update

Launch of Community Health Centers Vaccination Program

The President announced next week's launch of the [Federally Qualified Health Center Vaccine program](#) that will provide more vaccines for Community Health Centers that are reaching our underserved and most vulnerable communities. The program will be phased in, with the first centers able to start ordering vaccines as early as the week of February 15. The initial phase will include at least one Community Health Center in each state, expanding to 250 centers in the coming weeks.

Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories

This map shows the [percentage of first doses of vaccines that have been administered](#) in each state from their supply, which can be used to understand how states are using their supply to initiate vaccination within their community. The map is created as part of the [National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness](#), where CDC is committed to making sure that safe, effective vaccines are distributed and administered as quickly as possible.

COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker

View overall US [COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery and Administration](#); Maps, charts, and data provided by the CDC.

Provider Updates

Articles of Interest from U.S. Media Sources

[Fauci Says Vaccinate Quickly to Fight COVID-19 Variants](#) (Reuters, 02/09/21)

The best defense against emerging variant strains of COVID-19 is getting as many people vaccinated as quickly as possible, top U.S. infectious disease doctor Anthony Fauci.

[CDC warns states against lifting restrictions amid threat of virus variants](#) (The Hill, 02/0/21)

CDC Director Rochelle Walensky urged states against lifting coronavirus restrictions, citing the ongoing virus threat and more contagious variants on the rise despite lower case counts overall.

[New variants raise worry about COVID-19 virus reinfections](#) (AP, 02/08/21)

Evidence is mounting that having COVID-19 may not protect against getting infected again with some of the new variants. People also can get second infections with earlier versions of the coronavirus if they mounted a weak defense the first time, new research suggests.

[FDA Gearing Up for Rapid Review of Potential COVID-19 Booster Shots](#) (Reuters, 02/08/21)

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is planning a rapid review process for quick turnaround of new COVID-19 booster shots if variants of the coronavirus emerge against which the vaccines do not provide protection. The agency plans to issue a proposal on the process for public comment in a few weeks, she said during a press briefing. That process will likely require safety information as well as, if possible, the convening of an outside committee of experts to review the booster shot.

Resources

Spanish Language COVID-19 Resources

The NIH's [Spanish COVID-19 site](#) provides information and links to resources on tests, treatments, vaccines, and clinical trials to learn how you can help end the pandemic and protect yourself and your family.

NTP Medicare Update & Education Webinar

Join CMS for a Medicare update and coverage information related to the novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency on **February 11, 2021, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. ET**. They will discuss partner resources, Medicare coverage for related services, testing, and the COVID-19 vaccine. [Register for this webinar](#).

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