

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 02/16/22

NHPCO publishes the COVID-19 Update once a week on Wednesdays. Should there be breaking news of importance to the provider community, we will communicate that as needed.

Provider Update

U.S. ‘Excess Deaths’ During Pandemic Surpassed 1 million, CDC Says

[The Washington Post](#) reports, “The United States has recorded more than 1 million “excess deaths” since the start of the pandemic, government mortality statistics show, a toll that exceeds the officially documented lethality of the coronavirus and captures the broad consequences of the health crisis that has entered its third year.”

Mortality Statistics Tell Story of Those Who Didn’t Need To Die

A Moring Briefing from [Kaiser Health News](#) reports, “It’s a fact of life that people die every day. But during the pandemic, the United States did a particularly poor job of preventing “excess” people from dying, updated CDC statistics show. As one expert noted, “Other countries got hit by the same virus, but no country has experienced the number of deaths we have, and even if you adjust for population, we are among the highest in the world.”

Resources

Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use Indoors

See the CDC’s [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) (02/11/22) for the article, “Effectiveness of Face Mask or Respirator Use in Indoor Public Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Infection.” Implications for public health practice shared in the report include, “In addition to being up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations, consistently wearing a comfortable, well-fitting face mask or respirator in indoor public settings protects against acquisition of SARS-CoV-2 infection; a respirator offers the best protection.”

ASPR TRACIE Webinar on Risk Assessment and De-Escalation

ASPR TRACIE will offer the webinar, “Strategies for Healthcare Workplace Violence Prevention: Risk Assessment and De-Escalation” on March 2, 2022, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. ET. Anecdotal evidence suggests that the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated violence in health care facilities in many ways. [Register online](#) for this free webinar that will also be recorded and available on the ASPR TRACIE website.