

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 03/01/21

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.

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” – William James

Provider Update

FDA Authorizes Johnson & Johnson's One-Shot COVID-19 Vaccine

The FDA [authorized Johnson & Johnson's one shot vaccine](#) for emergency use Saturday, a day after a panel of advisers to the agency voted unanimously (22-0) in its favor. News of this authorization was [covered by NPR](#) (02/27/21).

FDA Issues Authorization for Quidel QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test

The [FDA issued an emergency use authorization](#) for the Quidel QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test, another antigen test where certain individuals can rapidly collect and test their sample at home, without needing to send a sample to a laboratory for analysis. The QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test is authorized for prescription home use with self-collected anterior nasal (nares) swabs from individuals ages 14 and older or individuals ages 8 and older with swabs collected by an adult.

Fauci Warns Against Complacency as COVID-19 Cases Begin to Plateau

As [reported by CBS News](#) (02/28/21), “Dr. Anthony Fauci, warned that Americans shouldn't get complacent about following mitigation measures to combat the spread of the coronavirus, as the number of new cases is leveling off despite more Americans receiving vaccines. While there has been a drop in the number of new coronavirus cases and hospitalizations since early January, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), warned Friday that the declines could be stalling at a high number, which she said was a ‘very concerning shift in the trajectory.’ As of Friday, the seven-day average is just under 73,000 new infections, [according to the CDC.](#)”

Resources

Black Churches Fill a Unique Role in Combating Vaccine Fears

An article in [Kaiser Health News](#) reports, "Many Black Americans look to their religious leaders for guidance on a wide range of issues — not just spiritual ones. Their credibility is especially crucial on matters of health, as the medical establishment works to overcome a legacy of experimentation and bias that makes some Black people distrustful of public health messages."

CDC Guidance for Businesses and Employers

The CDC issued [Guidance for Businesses and Employers Responding to Coronavirus](#) that includes a summary of recent changes (03/01/21).

The Johns Hopkins 30-Minute COVID-19 Briefing

The [update currently available](#) is from Friday February 26, 2021. Join experts from the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center (CRC) at 12:00 pm ET on Fridays for timely, accessible updates on the state of the pandemic and the public health response.

COVID-19 and Palliative Care: Reaching Out, Accounting for Linguistic Diversity

A commentary available from the journal, [IJHPE - Global Health Promotion](#), seeks to discuss the importance of linguistic literacy and communication imperatives in the context of access to palliative care, given the broad, diversified and sensitive scope of care. While the pandemic has demonstrated that the public health responses of migrant host societies are deeply intertwined with policies as well as local rules and constraints, the promotion and provision of safe, timely and appropriate palliative care can be achieved through a sensitive assessment of differential contexts of diversity.

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