

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 03/02/22

Our Final Update

*While the national public health emergency is not over, this will be the last edition of NHPCO's COVID-19 Update going out via email. Going forward, any news related to COVID-19 that providers may need to know will be included in the weekly NewsBriefs email that goes to NHPCO member on Thursday afternoon and can be found at nhpco.org/newsbriefs. Not a member? Visit nhpco.org/membership to learn more and join – membership gives you access to a wealth of information and resources. **Thank you for serving your community during these challenging times.***

Policy Update

Biden Announces COVID-19 Antiviral Treatment Program

During his State of the Union address on Tuesday, President Joe Biden announced the creation of a new "test-to-treat" program that will allow Americans who test positive for COVID-19 at pharmacies across the US to immediately receive free antiviral pills on the spot. Read more in this article from The Associated Press, "[Biden outlines COVID plans, says it's time to return to work.](#)"

CDC Changes Recommendations on When to Wear Masks in Public

[PBS Newshour](#) reports, "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday loosened its COVID-19 guidance on wearing masks in indoor public settings. The new standard says people don't have to mask-up if case counts and hospitalizations aren't especially high where they live."

Resources

HHS Distributing \$560 Million in Provider Relief Fund Payments to Health Care Providers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is making more than \$560 million in Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 General Distribution payments to more than 4,100 providers across the country this week. Learn more on the [HHS website](#).

Health Equity Resources on COVID-19

Learn what CDC is doing to advance COVID-19 vaccine equity for racial and ethnic minority groups. Visit the [CDC website](#) to find links to CDC resources on COVID-19 health equity.

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