

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



## NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 03/03/21

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.

"Don't let yesterday take up too much of today." — Will Rogers

### Policy Updates

#### **Federally-Supported Community Vaccination Centers**

The Biden-Harris Administration is working to get more people vaccinated by increasing vaccine supply, increasing vaccinators, and increasing the number of places to get vaccinated. As part of this strategy, the Administration is supporting and launching federally-supported community vaccination centers nationwide in community centers, schools, and stadiums. As of February 26, the Administration has announced 18 [federally-established community vaccination centers](#), with the ability to administer a total of 61,000 shots per day at full capacity. For these sites, the federal government is directly working with state and local partners to help select the location for, staff, and operate these sites.

### Provider Updates

#### **CDC: Decline in Cases Stalling with Spread of New COVID-19 Variants**

A [U.S. News & World Report article](#) says the CDC is warning states not to relax their restrictions, particularly as new virus variants spread. "Please hear me clearly: At this level of cases with variants spreading, we stand to completely lose the hard earned ground we have gained," CDC Director Rochelle Walensky said during a White House coronavirus briefing Monday. While the U.S. has seen a six-week downward trend in cases, Walensky said Monday that the most recent seven-day average of new cases and deaths showed a roughly 2% increase compared to the prior seven days. The U.S. is currently averaging approximately 70,000 cases a day.

#### **How COVID-19 Vaccines Get to You**

A page on the [CDC website](#) provides an overview of the processes related to how CDC is tracking vaccine distribution, delivery, and administration throughout the United States.

#### **Community Based Organizations COVID-19 Vaccine Toolkit**

Soon the communities you serve will have access to vaccines to help protect against COVID-19. [CDC has designed a toolkit](#) to help community-based organizations educate communities about this important new prevention tool.

March 2, 2021 [FDA COVID Summary](#)

- The FDA has updated its COVID-19 [Response At-A-Glance Summary](#) (PDF), which provides a quick look at facts, figures and highlights on the FDA's response efforts.
- A new FDA Voices entitled "[National Consumer Protection Week: FDA Is Vigilant in Protecting Consumers Against COVID-19 Vaccine Scams](#)," by Judy McMeekin, Pharm. D., explains that the FDA is on the lookout for charlatans seeking to profit from the pandemic.
- The FDA issued a warning letter jointly with the Federal Trade Commission to [Ageless Global, LLC](#) for selling unapproved products with fraudulent COVID-19 claims. The company sells products, including "Immunoral," "Immune Plus," "MD Immune Support Spray," and "MD CVK-365 Mouth Spray," and misleadingly represents the products can mitigate, prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19 in people.

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