

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 10/16/20

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.

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” – Albert Einstein

Provider Update

Building Resilience During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Dating back to our earliest times, humankind has experienced the psychological impact of a wide range of catastrophes, including famines, floods, earthquakes, wildfires, windstorms, wars, and, last but certainly not least, outbreaks of potentially deadly infectious diseases. Present day is no exception as people try to figure out how to cope—and help others cope—with the grief, stress, and anxiety caused by biggest health challenge of our time: the COVID-19 pandemic. NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins released a blogpost discussing [the science behind mental health responses to disasters](#) with Dr. George Everly Jr., a psychologist and professor at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore.

Preparing for Crisis Should Be Part of Your Quality Agenda

Michael Dowling is Northwell Health’s President and CEO and IHI’s Board Chair. Dowling describes how Northwell’s history of disaster preparedness was essential to their COVID-19 response. In an [interview with IHI](#), Dowling shares some sometimes-surprising insights from an early epicenter of the pandemic.

FDA Clarifies CLIA-waived Status for Point-of-Care Tests

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently clarified that, when it grants an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for a point-of-care test, that test is deemed to be CLIA-waived. Read [Lab Update: FDA Clarifies CLIA-waived Status for Point-of-Care SARS-CoV-2 Tests under Emergency Use Authorizations](#). For the duration of the national emergency declaration for COVID-19, such tests can be performed in any patient care setting that operates under a [CLIA Certificate of Waiver or Certificate of Compliance/Certificate of Accreditation](#).

Resources

Hand Washing Update and Reminder

CDC released an MMWR on the [Demographic Characteristics, Experiences, and Beliefs Associated with Hand Hygiene Among Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) in the U.S. between June 24-30, 2020. In an Internet-based survey, approximately 85% of 4,817 U.S. adults reported frequent hand hygiene after contact with public surfaces. Males, young adults, respondents with lower concern about risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection, and respondents without personal COVID-19 experience reported less frequent hand hygiene. This study complements a recently released MMWR release on [adult handwashing between October 2019 and June 2020](#).

World Handwashing Day

Celebrate [#WorldHandwashingDay](#) like it's every day! Follow the do's and don'ts to stay clean and fight off all germs, whether it's the flu or #COVID-19.