

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 11/30/20

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.

"Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out they've got a second."
— William James

Provider Update

CDC Likely to Recommend Shortening Coronavirus Quarantine Period

A [report from NPR](#) shared that federal health officials are likely to shorten their recommendation for how long people should quarantine to reduce the risk of spreading the coronavirus from the current 14 days to as few as seven. Current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [recommendations](#) call for two weeks of isolation from the last contact with a person known to have COVID-19. However, Adm. Brett Giroir, a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, said Tuesday that health officials were rethinking that recommendation, citing "a preponderance of evidence that a shorter quarantine complemented by a test might be able to shorten that quarantine period." "We are actively working on that type of guidance right now, reviewing the evidence, but we want to make absolutely sure," he said, adding that "these kind of recommendations aren't willy-nilly."

Resources

Updates from the FDA

- The FDA published, [Face Masks, Including Surgical Masks, and Respirators for COVID-19](#), a comprehensive new page on FDA.gov with answers to frequently asked questions about face masks, surgical masks, and respirators.
- The FDA also recently posted a new infographic, [The Path for a COVID-19 Vaccine from Research to Emergency Use Authorization](#), to explain a potential pathway for vaccines.
- Download the [FDA COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary](#) – as of November 20, 2020

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