

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



## NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 12/04/20

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.

*“Believe you can and you're halfway there.”*

— Theodore Roosevelt

### Provider Update

#### **CDC Director Issues Stark Warning**

*The Washington Post* reports that hospitalizations surpassed 100,000 for the first time, with more than 2,700 deaths on Wednesday. Robert Redfield, the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, predicted that the covid-19 death toll could reach 450,000 by February, with this winter possibly “the most difficult time in the public health history of this nation.” Read the article in [The Washington Post](#).

#### **US records highest one-day number of COVID-19 deaths**

CNN Reports that more than 2,800 COVID-19 deaths were reported Wednesday in the United States -- the most the country has ever reported in a single day. As of Thursday evening, Johns Hopkins University has reported 203,304 new cases and 2,702 reported deaths for the day. This is the second highest daily report of new cases since the pandemic began. Visit the CNN website to read “[US records highest one-day number of COVID-19 deaths.](#)”

#### **How CDC Is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations**

When a COVID-19 vaccine is authorized by FDA and recommended by ACIP, vaccination in the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccination program (Phase 1a) should be offered to both 1) healthcare personnel and 2) residents of long-term care facilities. [Learn more on the CDC website](#) (12/03/20).

### Resources

#### **COVID-19 Healthcare Professional Stress and Resilience**

TRACIE presents a speaker series focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic can affect healthcare professional stress and resilience. Topics in this series include acute and chronic stressors, identifying at-risk employees, and fostering resilience. Learn more about the [HHS/ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series](#).

#### **Health Equity: Promoting Fair Access to Health**

The CDC explains that health equity is when everyone has the opportunity to be as healthy as possible. Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put many racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19. To stop the spread of COVID-19 and move toward greater health equity, we must work together to ensure resources are available to maintain and manage physical and mental health, including easy access to information, affordable testing, and medical and mental health care. Visit the [CDC website to learn more](#).

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