

# NHPCO COVID-19 Update - 12/21/20

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.

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." - Dalai Lama

## **Policy Update**

#### **Look for Policy Update Soon**

As this Update goes out, Congress continues to move forward with the next COVID-19 relief legislation package. NHPCO policy staff will provide a comprehensive Policy Alert for members to share details that are relevant to our provider community. Be on the look-out for NHPCO's statement and the Policy Alert for members.

### **Operation Warp Speed Infographic**

The Department of Health and Human Services has created a useful infographic to help explain the COVID vaccine distribution process. It's a one-page visual explanation of how things are working. Find the <u>infographic on the HHS website</u>.

#### **Vaccine Distribution Update**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers updated distribution and allocation information on COVID-19 vaccines. Visit the CDC website for updates on:

- Pfizer vaccine
- Moderna vaccine

# **Resources**

#### Free MJHS Webinar on January 21

MJHS Institute for Innovation in Palliative Care is pleased to offer a free webinar that is part of its interdisciplinary series. *Hospice and Palliative Care in the COVID-19 Pandemic* will be offering on January 21, 2021, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. ET. This live webinar will discuss the history of this pandemic, the changes in response specifically affecting the specialty of Hospice and Palliative Care, and the challenges and opportunities created because of the pandemic. Register online.

### The Post on Harsh Reality of COVID-19

The Washington Post has published a powerful article looking at the harsh reality of COVID-19. Journalists William Wan and Brittany Shammas confront the impact of death that the pandemic has wrought. Hospice staff at Hospice and Community Care in Lancaster, PA, share their experience. Read "Why Americans are numb to the staggering coronavirus death toll." (A subscription to The Washington Post is required to access this article.)