NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 05/19/20

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links.

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Provider Updates

New Online Course Trains Thousands of COVID-19 Contact Tracers
The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) and National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) said the agencies have trained over 10,000 individuals nationwide in COVID-19 contact tracing. Learn more at the Homeland Preparedness News website.

From Headaches to ‘COVID Toes,’ Coronavirus Symptoms Are a Bizarre Mix
The new coronavirus that has infected millions of people around the globe can wreak havoc far beyond the lungs. Some of the symptoms of the disease it causes, COVID-19, are predictable enough: cough, fever, chills, headache. But the pathogen’s effects by no means stop there. Visit the website for Scientific American to learn more.

Resources

FDA Announces COVID-19 Update
The FDA is alerting the public to early data that suggest potential inaccurate results from using the Abbott ID NOW point-of-care test to diagnose COVID-19. Specifically, the test may return false negative results. Learn more: FDA Informs Public About Possible Accuracy Concerns with Abbott ID NOW Point-of-Care Test.

Resources for Easing Stress and Trauma in the Time of COVID-19

- The Wellness Society’s workbook addressing anxiety in the time of COVID-19.
- The National Center for PTSD continuously posts resources related to COVID-19.
- Ithaca College Gerontology Institute has resources for older adults and caregivers.