

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 06/09/20

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

“Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.”

– John Wooden

NOTE: COVID-19 Update recipients, please note that NHPCO’s COVID team will plan to issue Updates on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday schedule – should there be helpful news and links to share. This new publishing schedule will begin tomorrow, June 10. Of course, if urgent news breaks, NHPCO will issue an Update as needed to assist the provider community.

Policy Update

CMS Posts Reopening Healthcare Facility Guide for Patients

[CMS released a guide](#) for patients and beneficiaries as they consider their in-person care options. As states and regions across the United States see a decline in cases of COVID-19, CMS is providing these recommendations to ensure that non-emergency healthcare resumes safely and that patients are receiving needed in-person treatment that may have been postponed due to the public health emergency.

Provider Updates

HHS Posts Fact Sheet - Addressing Disparities in COVID-19 Impact on Minorities

HHS posted the [“HHS Initiatives to Address the Disparate Impact of COVID-19 on African Americans and Other Racial and Ethnic Minorities”](#) fact sheet which outlines some of the immediate steps underway to improve prevention, testing, and treatment of COVID-19 in minority populations and reduce racial and ethnic disparities.

DHS and HHS Civil Rights Stakeholder Teleconference on COVID-19

FEMA’s Office of Equal Rights (OER) will host teleconference addressing the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), to share information and to respond to civil rights-related concerns and questions. The call will be on Thursday, June 11, 2020, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. EST. OER will be joined by the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. DHS and HHS will address concerns and answer questions from our civil rights stakeholders. OER is requesting questions in advance. Please submit civil rights related questions to be addressed by DHS and HHS no later than close of business Monday, June 8, 2020, to this email address: FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov.

Teleconference information to access the call:

- Phone 866-519-2796
- Participant Passcode: 222257
- When you enter the Passcode, you will be asked to state your name; to skip this step, press #

CMS Home Health and Hospice Call on Tuesday, June 9

Thank you to Sangre de Cristo Hospice in Pueblo, Colorado and Christian Living Services in Grand Rapids, MI for their excellent presentations today on the CMS Home Health and Hospice call describing providing hospice care in the time of COVID-19.

Resources

Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Center Updates Confirmed Cases Data

As states throughout the U.S. lift stay-at-home orders, reopen businesses, and relax social distancing measures, the graphs on this webpage show whether cases of COVID-19 are increasing, decreasing, or remaining constant within each state. Daily confirmed new cases (5-day moving average); Outbreak evolution for the 50 States, D.C, and Puerto Rico. Visit the [Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Center Updates](#) website.

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