

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



NHPCO COVID-19 Update – 08/28/20

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

"Do something wonderful, people may imitate it."

— Albert Schweitzer

Provider Update

Updated CDC COVID-19 Testing Guidelines

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has changed its Covid-19 testing guidelines to say some people without symptoms may not need to be tested, even if they've been in close contact with someone known to have the virus. [View the CDC guidance.](#)

COVID-19 Update: FDA Warns Consumers About Hand Sanitizer Packaged in Food and Drink Containers

[The FDA is warning consumers](#) about alcohol-based hand sanitizers that are being packaged in containers that may appear as food or drinks and may put consumers at risk of serious injury or death if ingested. The agency has discovered that some hand sanitizers are being packaged in beer cans, children's food pouches, water bottles, juice bottles and vodka bottles. Additionally, the FDA has found hand sanitizers that contain food flavors, such as chocolate or raspberry. Read FDA guidance on [alcohol-based hand sanitizers](#).

BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Antigen Test

The FDA issued Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough, Inc. an [emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for its [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card antigen test](#). This is the first COVID-19 diagnostic test that a health care provider can perform without an analyzer, meaning that test results can be read directly from the testing card.

Resources

National Academy of Medicine Webinar Recording

On August 20, 2020, the National Academy of Medicine hosted a free 90-minute webinar on [Nursing's Role in Health Equity, Public Health Emergencies, and COVID-19 – Critical Issues for The Future of Nursing 2020-2030](#). During the webinar, representatives from the NAM study on the [Future of Nursing 2020-2030](#) shared updates on the study's status and sought public input on nurses' roles in responding to COVID-19. A panel of experts also discussed how nursing can advance health equity, the role of nurses in public health emergencies, and nurses' experiences on the frontlines of COVID-19

Institute for Healthcare Improvement Blog Article

The article, ["How Improvement Science Can Meet the Moment \(or Miss the Mark\),"](#) is available on the IHI blog. It reads in part, "With its clinical, financial, and operational challenges, COVID-19 has highlighted the racism structured into our systems. We've seen Black, Latinx, and indigenous populations endure a disproportionate impact from the virus. It's logical to use the science of improvement to challenge the systems that produced the current state because this science is designed to eradicate variation — and health inequities result from systematic, unjust, and unwarranted variation."