

## NHPCO COVID-19 Update - 09/24/20

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.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

— Mahatma Gandhi

## **Provider Update**

## **Update on Testing Supplies for Hospice Providers**

In response to our <u>letters to the Administration</u> for testing resources for NHPCO members, NHPCO has heard directly from HHS that, under the leadership of the Administration's testing Czar Dr. Brett Giroir, they have committed to providing hospices with testing supplies in the near future. We have continued to highlight how the tests would help to promote appropriate care and the safety of our members' patients and families as well as their staffs while mitigating further spread of COVID-19 in the communities they serve.

NHPCO continues to communicate the critical role of hospice providers in the national response to this public health emergency as HHS makes their final decisions regarding the volume, availability, and prioritization of testing resources.

One of the tests being considered for distribution is the Abbott BinaxNOW<sup>™</sup> test. HHS will host a webinar with Abbott on **September 25, 2020 from 12:00PM-1:30PM EST** to walk through the HHS BinaxNOW program, manufacturer's training and introduce the product. Use the following link to register for the training: <u>click here to register</u>.

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