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Headlines:

New/Updated Guidance

- CDC: Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing
- The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ Interim Recommendation for Allocating Initial Supplies of COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, 2020

News Reports

- ‘Unconscionable’ CMS services cuts may hamstring providers, LTC advocates say
- ‘If There’s No Trust, There’ll Be More Hesitancy’: Nursing Homes Must Overcome Staff skepticism of COVID Vaccine
- CDC says 2-week coronavirus quarantines can be cut to 10 or 7 days
- Watchdog gives CMS ‘urgent’ order: Create solid plan to act on nursing home commission’s 27 recommendations
- As virus again surges in California, race is a defining factor in nursing facilities, research shows
- SNF occupancy ticks up but is ‘dangerously’ low and threatens long-term survival
- CVS to Give Out Covid-19 Treatment in Nursing Homes
- COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics show promising results in older adults
• **COVID-19 linked to ‘substantial cost increases’ in assisted living: survey**

• **Psychological Entitlement Associated With Not Following COVID-19 Health Guidelines**

• **In a relentless pandemic, nursing-home workers are worn down and stressed out**

• **Senior living provider groups press states to prioritize residents, workers for COVID vaccination**

• **CVS Health partners with feds to administer COVID-19 antibody therapy at nursing homes**

• **Moderna COVID-19 Vax Produced Immune Responses for 4 Months**

• **Facility PPE reuse at crisis level, infection preventionists say**

• **‘Absolutely normal’: Covid vaccine side effects are no reason to avoid the shots, doctors say**

**Journal Articles**

• **Electronic health record analysis identifies kidney disease as the leading risk factor for hospitalization in confirmed COVID-19 patients**

• **Durability of Responses after SARS-CoV-2 mRNA-1273 Vaccination**

**Podcasts/Webinars**

• **Recording of 12/3/20 AMDA COVID-19 Ground Rounds: Pearls from Your Colleagues: A look back, a look ahead, and a look to the COVID-19 vaccine**

• **COVID-19 Vaccination Video Update for Long-term Care Employees**

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