COVID-19 Updates

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Sharing Best Practices for COVID-19 Control: Join a new, virtual learning community of practice to help nursing homes with COVID-19 preparedness, safety, and infection control. The AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network aims to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes by engaging staff in a program of case-based learning, peer-to-peer sharing, and mentoring from national experts. Nursing homes that complete the 16-week curriculum will receive $6,000 through the Provider Relief Fund; participating staff will earn CEU credits. Programs are launching now, so enroll today.

Headlines:

New/Updated Guidance

- AMDA urges caution on monoclonal antibodies for nursing home residents
- FDA: Potential for False Positive Results with Antigen Tests for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2 - Letter to Clinical Laboratory Staff and Health Care Providers
- U.S. Department of Labor Issues Respiratory Protection Guidance For Long-Term Care Facilities During the Coronavirus Pandemic

News Reports

- Nursing homes should consider testing workers more frequently than what CMS dictates: researchers
- Seven different "disease forms" identified in mild COVID-19
- CMS test protocol misses too many asymptomatic workers: statewide COVID study
- **Survey:** Senior living operators have trouble getting paid for COVID-19 testing
- **Nontraditional nursing homes have almost no coronavirus cases. Why aren’t they more widespread?**
- **Senior living residents positive about pandemic experience: MIT AgeLab study**
- **A Rapid Virus Test Falters in People Without Symptoms, Study Finds**
- **FDA warns of COVID-19 antigen test false positives as report flags Quidel on accuracy**
- **Michigan rolls out staffing support for assisted living during pandemic**
- **Nebraska seeks to provide $40 million to help assisted living, skilled nursing battle ‘invisible monster’ of COVID-19**
- **CMS on holidays: No get-togethers, full guidance may be forthcoming**
- **Face Masks Are Again in Short Supply as Covid-19 Cases Surge**
- **Regeneron hopes U.S. will authorize coronavirus antibody drug soon**
- **‘Massive’ lung damage found in COVID patients may explain lasting symptoms**
- **Probari CEO provides nursing home training for Indiana National Guard**

**Journal Articles**

- **MMWR: Trends in the Use of Telehealth During the Emergence of the COVID-19 Pandemic — United States, January–March 2020**
- **Change in Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 Over 60 Days Among Health Care Personnel in Nashville, Tennessee**
- **Safety, Tolerability, and Immunogenicity of COVID-19 Vaccines: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**
- **What COVID-19 Exposed In Long-Term Care**
- **Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome negatively impacts health and wellbeing despite less severe acute infection**

**Podcasts/Webinars**
• Recording of AMDA COVID-19 Grand Rounds: Pearls from Your Colleagues. Topic: Anticoagulation use for COVID-19 patients in PALTC

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