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**Headlines:**

**New/Updated Guidance**
- Post-Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements
- CMS: Medicare Payment for COVID-19 Viral Testing: Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility

**News Reports**
- COVID outbreaks tied to where nursing home staff live, researchers say
- CDC quietly shifts guidance on coronavirus transmission through the air
- World Health Organization unveils plan for distributing coronavirus vaccine
- Reimagining Nursing Homes in the Wake of COVID-19
- Long-Term Care Facilities Must Prioritize Immigrant Workers’ Needs To Contain COVID-19
- Less white, more dense employee communities linked to higher number of nursing home COVID-19 deaths, Harvard study finds
- Minorities bear brunt of COVID in assisted living and nursing homes, new studies find
- Flu vaccinations not tied to COVID outcomes, Cleveland Clinic researchers say
• **AHCA: COVID-19: Where We Are Now and What Must Be Done**

**Journal Articles**

• **Racial differences and an increased systemic inflammatory response are seen in patients with COVID-19 and ischemic stroke**

• **Ensuring Adequate Palliative and Hospice Care During COVID-19 Surges**

• **Severe COVID-19 Infections—Knowledge Gained and Remaining Questions**

• **Change in Antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 Over 60 Days Among Health Care Personnel in Nashville, Tennessee**

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