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**Headlines:**

**New/Updated Guidance**
- Q & A Document for COVID-19 Updated January 29, 2021
- HHS Amends PREP Act Declaration to Increase Workforce Authorized to Administer COVID-19 Vaccines

**News Reports**
- Boren-like solution needed nationwide to address Medicaid shortfalls, expert says
- Governor Justice announces all nursing homes have been vaccinated in W.Va.
- Rural communities find workarounds to vaccinate residents, staff
- Makers of newer vaccines tout advantages as trial results and approvals announced
- A fresh plea calls for including independent living in COVID-19 vaccination priority clinics
- Lilly, Vir Biotechnology and GSK announce first patient dosed in expanded BLAZE-4 trial evaluating bamlanivimab (LY-CoV555) with VIR-7831 (GSK4182136) for COVID-19
- What Does Survival Look Like After ECMO for COVID-19?
- Anxiety grows as long-term care awaits COVID-19 vaccines
- Official: Vaccine effort paying off in CT nursing homes
• Tough Pain Relief Choices in the COVID-19 Pandemic
• Why Some Who Are Vaccinated Still Get Coronavirus

Journal Articles
• Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Years of Potential Life Lost Attributable to COVID-19 in the United States: An Analysis of 45 States and the District of Columbia
• MMWR: Trends in Outbreak-Associated Cases of COVID-19 — Wisconsin, March–November 2020

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