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**Headlines:**

**New/Updated Guidance**
- Fact Sheet: President Biden Announces New Actions to Expand and Improve COVID-19 Testing

**Journal Articles**
- JAMDA: Environmental Noise in New York City Long Term Care Facilities: A Window into the COVID-19 Pandemic
- MMWR: First Identified Cases of SARS-CoV-2 Variant B.1.1.7 in Minnesota — December 2020–January 2021
- SARS-CoV-2 Variants of Concern in the United States—Challenges and Opportunities
- Delayed Second Dose versus Standard Regimen for Covid-19 Vaccination
- The Price of Success—How to Evaluate COVID-19 Vaccines When They’re Available Outside of Clinical Trials
- Vitamin D3 to Treat COVID-19: Different Disease, Same Answer
- Conversing with High-Risk Patients to Determine Serious Illness Goals and Values in the Time of Covid-19
- SARS-CoV-2 nosocomial infection: Real-world results of environmental surface testing from a large tertiary cancer center
- A New Hematological Prognostic Index For Covid-19 Severity

Register for the PALTC21 Virtual Annual Conference, March 11-14. Members save $470 over the non-member rate.

Sessions will cover critical guidance, including what we’ve learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.
• Frequency and profile of objective cognitive deficits in hospitalized patients recovering from COVID-19

Research Reports/White Papers
• Equity in Vaccination: A Plan to Work with Communities of Color Toward COVID-19 Recovery and Beyond
• Now Is the Time to Improve Compensation in Direct Care
• Geography Is Not Destiny: Protecting Nursing Home Residents from the Next Pandemic

Podcasts/Webinars
• CDC National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine. February 22-24, 2021
• Can the Same Vaccines Protect Against New COVID Strains?
• A New Year of COVID: The State of the Pandemic and U.S. Strategy in 2021. February 24, 2021, 5:00-6:30 PM ET

News Reports
• COVID liability tops 2021 legislative agendas in several states
• 8-hour training requirement attracts thousands to CNA pathway
• More Senior Living Providers Impose Staff Mandates As Covid-19 Vaccination Lags
• Q&A: Nursing Home Doctors Gave Warning in March, Why They Want to be Listened to Now
• Healthcare workers less hesitant to receive COVID-19 vaccination, survey finds
• Model shows how U.S. might halve COVID nursing home deaths
• Two variants have merged into heavily mutated coronavirus
• Are we there yet? Vaccination success won’t ease need for LTC vigilance, observers say
• To mandate or not to mandate? That is the COVID vaccination question for some senior living providers
• The True Toll Of COVID-19 In Assisted Living Homes Is Hidden By A Regulatory ‘Black Hole’
• Op-Ed: Here’s How We Should Approach Coronavirus Variant Tracking

Advocacy: COVID-19 and Beyond
• How the Virus Changed Medical Leadership in PALTC: Stories from the Executive Clinical Leaders of 2 Large NH Chains
• COVID-19 Crisis, a Parker Experience: Quality Initiatives, Universal Screening, Rapid Action Teams, Coordinated Leadership, Transitional Care, and Telemedicine

View the full agenda.
COVID-19 Response Team Warns of Rise in Variants

Industry may ‘never be the same’ without increases in Medicaid reimbursement, advisors warn

For-profit nursing homes are ‘worst performers’ in new COVID-19 analysis

New Data Boost Calls for Single COVID-19 Vaccine Dose

CDC Chief Lays Out Attack Plan for COVID Variants

The Good News of COVID-19 Is Sticking, for Now: Every major pandemic indicator has been falling for weeks

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