February 3, 2021

Thank you to everyone who completed the COVID-19 Update Frequency Survey. Starting next week, we will reduce the frequency of these communications to twice a week (Tuesdays/Fridays).

Headlines:

New/Updated Guidance

- AMDA Statement on COVID-19 Vaccination
- COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatments: Using Evolving Evidence to Improve Care in the Pandemic
- Risk Assessment and Testing Considerations for Reducing SARS-CoV-2 Transmission in Congregate Care Facilities
- HHS-ASPR-ECHO Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series

News Reports

- 80% of COVID-19 Patients May Have Lingering Symptoms, Signs
- Some Nursing Home Staff Shunning Vaccine as Many Get 2nd Dose
- To Improve COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution, Engage Behavioral Health Providers
- Providers remain vigilant despite official’s optimism that herd immunity is at hand
- Information to arm you against vaccine hesitancy among older adults

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.
• Older Adults Without Family or Friends Lag in Race to Get Vaccines
• Nursing home coronavirus cases nearly cut in half in four weeks
• Dialysis Centers: Give Us a Chance at COVID Vaccination
• Report: Many US nursing home staff decline first COVID shots
• Category 5' COVID Hurricane Approaches, Expert Says
• Study Finds AstraZeneca Shots Drastically Cut COVID Transmission
• Feds launch next phase of federal vaccine rollout, expanding access to underserved populations
• New diabetes cases linked to covid-19

Journal Articles

• MMWR: Early COVID-19 First-Dose Vaccination Coverage Among Residents and Staff Members of Skilled Nursing Facilities Participating in the Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program — United States, December 2020–January 2021
• Quantification of Occupational and Community Risk Factors for SARS-CoV-2 Seropositivity Among Health Care Workers in a Large U.S. Health Care System
• Subset of COVID-19 Patients Have Increased Bleeding Risk
• Sustained cellular immunity in adults recovered from mild COVID-19
• JAMDA: Crisis Standards of Care for the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Essential Resource for the PALTC Community
• Autoantibodies May Drive COVID-19 Blood Clots

Podcasts/Webinars

• TODAY: COVID-19 Variants and Immunity: Known Unknowns, Wednesday, February 3; 12:00 PM ET
• Everything Has Changed': You're Going to Need a COVID-19 Booster
• TODAY: HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series: Clinical Trials Update and Patient/Provider Outreach, Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 12:00-1:00 PM ET (Dr. David A. Nace is a panelist)
Acknowledge the service and sacrifice made by PALTC professionals who have gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic by mentioning them on Twitter and use #WeArePALTC.

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