January 15, 2021

There will be no COVID-19 email on Monday, January 18, due to the holiday.

We are working to support our members with the ongoing PPE shortage by partnering with Project N95 to offer PPE. Through this collaboration, our members have a special opportunity to purchase PPE such as N95 respirators (certified by FDA and NIOSH) at bulk pricing and in small quantities. Learn more about the products and how to purchase them by the January 21 deadline.

Headlines:

*News Reports*

- UPMC professionals tell public vaccines are coming soon
- Senior living residents, workers vying with other groups for priority COVID-19 vaccination
- Older adults’ mental health is resilient during pandemic, new study finds
- J&J’s COVID-19 vaccine should hopefully show over 80% effectiveness: Slaoui
• U.S. plan to expand access to Covid-19 vaccine likely sets up new debacles
• More RNs, smaller facilities called keys to improving nursing homes: report
• Nursing home fights back after group falsely claims vaccine killed residents
• Med Students Join COVID Vaccination Push
• Patterns in COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in Long-Term Care Facilities in 2020
• California Opens Vaccinations to Everyone 65 and Older, as Hospitals Struggle With COVID-19 Surge
• Why Long-Term Care Facilities Are Struggling To Get Residents And Staff Vaccinated
• Senior living faces ongoing challenges with COVID-19 vaccine rollout
• Scientists predict new virus strain will worsen U.S. infection spike
• Sniffing out COVID: service dogs take on new role in Georgia assisted living communities

Journal Articles
• Modernize Medical Licensing, and Credentialing, Too—Lessons From the COVID-19 Pandemic
• The COVID-19 Pandemic—An Opportune Time to Update Medical Licensing
• Mayo Clinic’s Multidisciplinary Approach to Covid-19 Vaccine Allocation and Distribution
• The future of long-term care requires investment in both facility- and home-based services
• Genetic Variants of SARS-CoV-2—What Do They Mean?

Podcasts/Webinars
• Science, Older New Yorkers and the Covid-19 Vaccination, January 20, 2021, 2:30 PM ET
• COCA: Treating Long COVID: Clinician Experience with Post-Acute COVID-19 Care. Thursday, January 28, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM ET

Sessions will cover critical guidance, including what we’ve learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A few of the many sessions on COVID-19:
• How the Virus Changed Medical Leadership in PALTC: Stories from the Executive Clinical Leaders of 2 Large NH Chains
• Managing Heart Failure in the Era of Covid - What is Really Causing the Dyspnea?
• International Response to COVID-19 in LTC Settings: Pearls and Pitfalls

View the full agenda.
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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