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We are evaluating the desired frequency of this communication and would like your feedback. Please complete this short survey to help us with this decision. The deadline for responding is tomorrow (Thursday, January 28). Thank you!

Headlines:

New/Updated Guidance

- National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness

News Reports

- HHS: Public health emergency, key funding and waivers likely to extend through 2021
- UK study shows azithromycin, doxycycline ineffective in early COVID-19
- CDC: COVID vaccines can be interchanged and doses delayed in supply crunch
- FDA limits N95 respirator reuse to four times with PPE decontamination systems
- Cambridge-based Moderna says vaccine works against emerging COVID-19 variants
- Full Transcript: Dr. Deborah Birx on "Face the Nation," January 24, 2021
- How one nursing home warded off the coronavirus and saved lives
• WHO recommends follow-up care, low-dose anticoagulants for COVID-19 patients
• Senior living providers express concern as states redirect COVID vaccines elsewhere
• Multiple states now redirecting unused COVID vaccines from nursing homes
• Green Houses bring blue skies as smaller nursing homes show fewer COVID deaths, cases
• Revised COVID-19 guidance from OSHA coming under executive order
• Drugmakers to test vaccine boosters in cautionary step against new COVID strains
• Testing protocols can ‘significantly’ reduce COVID transmission in senior living communities: report

Journal Articles
• JAMDA: Impact of a public policy restricting staff mobility between nursing homes in Ontario, Canada during the COVID-19 pandemic
• JAMDA: Nontraditional Small House Nursing Homes Have Fewer COVID-19 Cases and Deaths
• The Effect of Frames on COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy
• Influenza, but not SARS-CoV-2, infection induces a rapid interferon response that wanes with age and diminished tissue-resident memory CD8+ T cells
• Five Urgent Public Health Policies To Combat The Mental Health Effects Of COVID-19

Podcasts/Webinars
• TODAY: HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series: Managing Infusion Reactions. Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 12:00-1:00 PM EST
• TODAY: COVID-19 Vaccine Safety: A Fireside Chat with CMS, CDC, and a Consumer Representative, Wednesday, January 27, 2021 4:00 PM ET
• COVID-19: What Physicians Need to Know; Episode 5: Vaccine safety and delivery, Friday, January 29, 4:00 PM ET.
• COVID-19 Action in the Biden Era: A Fireside Chat with Dr. Fauci, Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 12:00-1:00 PM EST
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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