Headlines:

New/Updated Guidance

- CDC: Vaccination Considerations for Persons with Underlying Medical Conditions
- CDC: Emerging SARS-CoV-2 Variants
- CDC: Interim considerations: preparing for the potential management of anaphylaxis after COVID-19 vaccination
- CDC: Long-Term Care Facility Toolkit: Preparing for COVID-19 Vaccination at Your Facility
- CMS: Revised COVID-19 Survey Activities, CARES Act Funding, Enhanced Enforcement for Infection Control deficiencies, and Quality Improvement Activities in Nursing Homes

News Reports

- Virus 'Endemic,' Expect More Variants, Vaccine Tweaks, Expert Says
New COVID Strain Tied to U.S. Nursing Home Highlights Need for Vaccine, Aid

FDA Warns Health Officials Not To Mess With COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Schedule

CDC COVID Data Tracker: Maps, charts, and data provided by the CDC

CVS: Independent living residents will continue to wait for COVID-19 vaccination

Only ‘very small percent’ of LTC providers will require staff to get COVID vaccine: LeadingAge poll

‘Absolutely unconscionable’: Just 14% of distributed vaccine doses have been administered in long-term care facilities

Coronavirus exposure protects healthcare workers for at least 6 months, investigators say

How COVID-19 affects the brain and what to do about it

CMS details 5 new scenarios that trigger infection control-focused surveys

Journal Articles

Risk Factors Associated With All-Cause 30-Day Mortality in Nursing Home Residents With COVID-19

Podcasts/Webinars

TODAY: HHS/ASPR COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics Mini-Series: Where are we now?, featuring Dr. Swati Gaur. Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM ET

TODAY: LeadingAge Coronavirus Update Call featuring Dr. Robin Jump, Wednesday, January 6, 3:30 PM ET

Live Q&A: CMS-CDC Fundamentals of COVID-19 Prevention for Nursing Home Management, Thursday, January 7, 2021, 4:00-5:00 PM ET

COVID-19 Vaccination Distribution Plans, Monday, January 11, 2021, 10:00-11:30 AM ET

COVID-19 Vaccine Safety: A Fireside Chat with CMS, CDC and Representatives from the Front Line (various times)

COVID-19 Vaccination Town Hall for Assisted Living and Senior Housing Communities. Jan 12, 2021 12:00 PM ET

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.

A few of the many sessions on COVID-19:

- Impact of COVID-19 and PDPM on SNF Reimbursements in 2020
- Transitions of Care COVID-19 and Beyond (Part 1 and Part 2)
- Healthcare Leadership in COVID-19 Era

View the full agenda.
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