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Headlines

New/Updated Guidance

- CDC: Effectiveness of a Third Dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna Vaccines in Preventing COVID-19 Hospitalization Among Immunocompetent and Immunocompromised Adults — United States, August–December 2021
- First vaccine deadline arrives for healthcare workers in half the nation
- CMS: Guidance for the Interim Final Rule - Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination
- CMS Staff Vaccination Guidance
- Letter from CMS Administrator Urges Staff Vaccinations and Boosters

Journal Articles/Preprints

- JAMDA Special Issue: Reimagining Long-Term Care
- Significantly elevated antibody levels and neutralization titers in nursing home residents after SARS-CoV-2 BNT162b2 mRNA booster vaccination
- Differences in environmental stability among SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: Omicron has higher stability
- JAMDA: Relationships between Community Virus Activity and Cardiorespiratory Rehospitalizations From Post-Acute Care
- COVID-19 and the Common Cold—Preexisting Coronavirus Antibodies May Hinder SARS-CoV-2 Immunity

JAMDA Recruiting for New Editor-in-Chief

The position will start in September with the transition of editors, with full responsibility beginning with the January 2023 issue. The position is for a five-year initial term, renewable based on performance. The deadline to submit applications is April 1. Go here for more information.
• Providers must change treatment of healthcare workers to survive COVID-19 storm, avert ‘implosion’

Podcasts/Webinars

• Recording: Omicron—What’s Our Game Plan Now

News/News Analysis

• Members of Congress Urge White House to Investigate Price Gouging From Staffing Agencies
• Promising COVID-19 antiviral pill, Paxlovid, in scarce supply, as doctors, patients compete for access
• Omicron makes booster shots more critical for medically vulnerable seniors
• Taking Multiple Medications? Beware of Side Effects
• SENIOR Act proposes $10B sustainability fund, workforce development programs for assisted living
• Omicron ‘Precipitating’ Collaborative Conversations Between Hospitals and Nursing Homes
• Surveyors citing more nursing homes for limiting visitors
• Challenges for the Beleaguered Health Care Workforce During COVID-19

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