[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment Resources](#)
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[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Pre-Hospital/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Resources](#)
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[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Telemedicine/Virtual Medical Care Resources](#)
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[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Workforce Protection/Sustainability Resources](#)
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[Topic Collection: COVID-19 At-Risk Individuals Resources](#)
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on at-risk individuals vulnerable to COVID-19. (Text)

COVID-19: Inclusive Programming During the Time of Coronavirus
03/27/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Published: 3/27/2020. This six-page paper brings together guidance and messages from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s Operations Diversity Inclusion, Sexual Violence, and Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse teams, in collaboration with the Global Adviser on Children. Its purpose is to support the ICRC's delegations and métiers in their response to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). (PDF)

Underlying Medical Conditions and People at Higher Risk for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
03/27/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Preparedness and Response (CDC CPR). Published: 3/27/2020. In this one-hour Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call, presenters focus on current information about people who are higher risk for COVID-19 complications because of their age or underlying medical conditions, particularly those that are not well-controlled. (Video or Multimedia)

Modes of Transmission of Virus Causing COVID-19: Implications for IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) Precaution Recommendations
03/27/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/27/2020. This three-page document, updated March 29, 2020, discusses modes of transmission of the virus causing COVID-19, and why the World Health Organization continues to recommend droplet and contact precautions for those people caring for COVID-19 patients, and contact and airborne precautions for circumstances and settings in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed. (PDF)

Topic Collection: COVID-19 Crisis Standards of Care Resources
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on crisis standards of care

(CSC). Implementing CSC in a hospital setting should be a last resort when all other surge strategies have failed and no other regional resources are available. (Text)

Topic Collection: COVID-19 Critical Care Surge Resources
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Topic Collection: COVID-19 Drive-Through Testing/Community Screening Resources
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on community-based and drive-through testing sites. (Text)

Topic Collection: COVID-19 Hospital Triage/Screening Resources
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on hospital triage and patient screening. (Text)

Topic Collection: COVID-19 Legal/Regulatory/Authorities Resources
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on legal and regulatory authorities. (Text)

Topic Collection: COVID-19 Long-Term Care Resources
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Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/27/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on long-term care. (Text)

[Cloth Masks and Mask Sterilisation as Options in Case of Shortage of Surgical Masks and Respirators: Technical Report](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/26/2020. This three-page document aims to provide advice on the use of cloth face masks and sterilization of respirators and surgical masks as an alternative in healthcare settings with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases if there is a shortage of specialized surgical masks and respirators. (PDF)

[Disinfection of Environments in Healthcare and Non-Healthcare Settings Potentially Contaminated with SARS-CoV-2: Technical Report](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/26/2020. This five-page document provides guidance to European Union/European Economic Area Member States on environmental cleaning in healthcare and non-healthcare settings during the COVID-19 pandemic. (PDF)

[Global Impact of COVID-19 and Strategies for Mitigation and Suppression: Report 12](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Imperial College London. Published: 3/26/2020. This 19-page report combines data on age-specific contact patterns and COVID-19 severity to project the health impact of the pandemic in 202 countries. It compares predicted mortality impacts in the absence of interventions or spontaneous social distancing with what might be achieved with policies aimed at mitigating or suppressing transmission. (PDF)

[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Alternate Care Site Resources](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/26/2020. This Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) focuses on plans, tools, templates, and other immediately implementable resources to help with COVID-19 preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts, focusing on the establishment and operation of Alternate Care Sites. (Text)

[Topic Collection: COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services] (HHS ASPR). Published: 3/26/2020. The resources in this Topic Collection from TRACIE (Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange) were created by federal agencies and their partners to help healthcare providers, caregivers, and the general population prepare for and manage the negative behavioral effects that can accompany a public health emergency, and specifically the COVID-19 pandemic. (Text)

[Master Question List for COVID-19 (Caused by SARS-CoV-2)](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Published: 3/26/2020. This Master Question List (MQL) is intended to quickly present the current state of available information to government decision-makers in the operational response to COVID-19, and allow structured and scientifically guided discussions across the federal government without burdening them with the need to review scientific reports, and to prevent duplication of efforts by highlighting and coordinating research. (PDF)

[APSF/ASA (Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation/American Society of Anesthesiologists) Guidance on Purposing Anesthesia Machines as ICU Ventilators](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). Published: 3/26/2020. This nine-page document, published with the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, is intended to provide guidance on using anesthesia ventilators safely and effectively as ICU ventilators during the COVID-19 pandemic when there are not sufficient ICU ventilators to meet the patient care needs. A quick reference guide is intended to be a bedside tool and includes a suggested schedule for monitoring the effectiveness and safety of the anesthesia ventilator. (PDF)

[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/26/2020. Dental settings have unique characteristics that warrant additional infection control considerations. Services should be limited to urgent and emergency visits only during this period of the pandemic. These dental-specific recommendations should be used with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for patients with COVID-19. (Text)

[Coronavirus (COVID-19) Partner Toolkit](#)
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Published: 3/26/2020. This web page provides a toolkit to help partners stay informed on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) materials available on the COVID-19. Please share these materials, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up-to-date information. (Text)

Mental Health in a Time of Crisis
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Boston University (BU). Published: 3/26/2020. This one-hour, two-minute seminar discusses how the COVID-19 pandemic, like other traumatic events, can have a substantial impact on the mental health of populations. Speakers detail the state-of-the-science about mental health after large-scale events, and potential approaches to mitigate adverse mental health consequences. (Video or Multimedia)

Crisis Standards of Care and COVID-19: What EMS Needs to Know
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Office of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Published: 3/26/2020. In this 55-minute presentation, panelists discuss why crisis standards of care planning is so critical in the pre-hospital setting, especially in the context of COVID-19; how one state prepares for a surge in demand for EMS services; and the implications for local EMS leaders who may have to implement crisis standards of care in their communities. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19:Clinical Information and Treatment Guidelines
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP). Published: 3/26/2020. The purpose of this 14-page document is to provide relevant clinical information and treatment guidelines on the COVID-19 pandemic for pharmacists and the pharmacy workforce, both in a primary care context (i.e., community pharmacies and primary healthcare facilities) and in hospital settings, as well as for pharmacists working as clinical biologists in medical analysis laboratories, for example, as clinical biologists, and offer a set of references that may be consulted for more information. (PDF)

Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Respirators with Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor to Address Worldwide Personal Protective Equipment Shortages During the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Pandemic
03/26/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Duke University. Published: 3/26/2020. This seven-page report describes how Duke University has found that the use of hydrogen peroxide vapor results in successful decontamination of commercially available N95 respirators. It discusses the decontamination validation process and post-decontamination performance validation conducted at Duke. The

university believes that N95 sparing and reuse practices are important but not sufficient given the current COVID-19 pandemic, and will begin reuse after decontamination using hydrogen peroxide vapor on a large scale. (PDF)

[Comprehensive Hospital Preparedness Checklist for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](#)
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/25/2020. This 11-page checklist, updated on March 25, 2020, can help hospitals assess and improve their preparedness for responding to a community-wide outbreak of COVID-19. Each hospital will need to adapt this checklist to meet its unique needs and circumstances. This checklist should be used as one of several tools for evaluating current plans or in developing a comprehensive COVID-19 preparedness plan. (Text)

[Collection and Submission of Postmortem Specimens from Deceased Persons with Known or Suspected COVID-19, March 2020 (Interim Guidance)](#)
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/25/2020. This web page, updated on March 25, 2020, provides specific guidance for the collection and submission of postmortem specimens from deceased known or suspected COVID-19 cases. It also provides recommendations for biosafety and infection control practices during specimen collection and handling, including during autopsy procedures. (Text)

[Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Burn Rate Calculator](#)
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/25/2020. This is a spreadsheet-based model that provides information for healthcare facilities to plan and optimize the use of PPE for response to coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Non-healthcare facilities (e.g., correctional facilities) may find this tool useful for planning and optimizing PPE use as part of the response to COVID-19. This tool can also be used for planning PPE use outside the context of COVID-19, where PPE shortages may also occur due to supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 response (e.g. manufacturing facilities). (Text)

[Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic: Increased Transmission in the EU/EEA and the UK – Seventh Update: Rapid Risk Assessment](#)
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/25/2020. This 31-page report details how COVID-19 is rapidly spreading in Europe, and the current assessment is that the risk of severe disease associated with COVID-19 for people in the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) and the United Kingdom

(UK) is currently considered moderate for the general population and very high for older adults and individuals with chronic underlying conditions. The risk of healthcare system capacity being exceeded in the EU/EEA and the UK in the coming weeks is considered high. (PDF)

COVID-19: Operational Guidance for Maintaining Essential Health Services During an Outbreak
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/25/2020. This 14-page document provides guidance on a set of targeted immediate actions that countries should consider at the national, regional, and local level to reorganize and maintain access to essential quality health services for all. It complements existing and forthcoming World Health Organization (WHO) guidance on the wider implications of COVID-19 for health systems and cross-government strategies for responding to the COVID-19 outbreak, including region-specific technical guidance being developed by WHO Regional Offices. (PDF)

COVID-19 Update: Optimization Strategies for Healthcare Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Center for Preparedness and Response (CDC CPR). Published: 3/25/2020. In this one-hour Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) call, presenters provide a COVID-19 update and discuss strategies for healthcare facilities to optimize personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies such as eye protection, isolation gowns, facemasks, and N95 respirators. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19: State and Federal Public Health Responses
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Published: 3/25/2020. This one-hour, eight-minute webinar discusses how state legislatures and local health departments stand on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic response. All states, territories, and Washington, DC, have declared public health emergencies. Speakers provide insight on what public health actions are being taken on the state and national level, and what steps appear to be working during this unprecedented time. (Video or Multimedia)

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): Infection Prevention and Control Considerations for Alternative Care Sites
03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/25/2020. Establishing alternative care sites (ACS) will help address surge in the response to COVID-19. This guidance provides critical infection prevention and control (IPC) considerations for ACS and is intended to supplement existing ACS plans (created by jurisdictions as part of pandemic planning). (Text)

Handbook for Public Health Capacity-Building at Ground Crossings and Cross-Border Collaboration

03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/25/2020. This 68-page handbook follows a comprehensive approach to health system strengthening at borders in order to support International Health Regulations (IHR) national focal points and other national agencies in developing and implementing evidence-based action plans for IHR capacity development at ground crossings. The approach includes the movement of travelers and baggage, cargo, containers, conveyances, goods, and postal parcels across ground crossings, as well as the interaction with adjacent border communities. (PDF)

Flooding and Health: National Study

03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: United Kingdom Department of Health (DH). Published: 3/25/2020. This web page provides information about a study that consists of a questionnaire sent once a year to people living in certain areas affected by flooding in the winters of 2013 to 2014 and 2014 to 2015. The results from the study will help plan for the impact on people of future severe weather events, and help communities recover more quickly. (Text)

Update for Rural Partners and Communities on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response

03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Published: 3/25/2020. In this one-hour presentation, the speakers share guidance about COVID-19 response with partners, public health practitioners, healthcare providers, and others working to protect the health of rural communities. They describe what the Centers for Disease and Control knows at this point and respond to questions. (Video or Multimedia)

Assessing Underlying State Conditions and Ramp-Up Challenges for the COVID-19 Response

03/25/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Commonwealth Fund. Published: 3/25/2020. States are quickly coming to terms with their ability to handle the current level of COVID-19 cases. To understand the capacity in each state and to help inform decisions of federal and state policymakers in the coming weeks, this study aggregated a set of state-level data indicators related to clinical risk factors of the state's adult population; state health system capacity and resources, under both current and "surge" scenarios; and insurance coverage and cost-related access barriers for adults. (Text)

[Including Migrants and Displaced Populations in Preparedness and Response Activities to COVID-19: Guidance for Americas National Societies](#)

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Published: 3/24/2020. This six-page document describes how migrants and displaced populations may be at an increased risk from the current outbreak of COVID-19, how National Societies can support migrants and their families, and key activities for them to take. (PDF)

[Coronavirus Pandemic: How Hospitals Are Confronting the Crisis](#)

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Harvard University, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Published: 3/24/2020. In this 36-minute Facebook Live Q&A, Paul Biddinger, Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Center for Disaster Medicine and Chief of the Division of Emergency Preparedness, describes challenges to hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic, ranging from surges of sick patients to obtaining crucial supplies. As U.S. COVID-19 cases continue to climb, he discusses how an already strained hospital healthcare system will respond. (Video or Multimedia)

[Imported Non-NIOSH-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) Letter of Authorization](#)

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Published: 3/24/2020. In response to the evolving COVID-19 public health emergency and continued filtering facepiece respirator (FFR or respirator) shortages, the Food and Drug Administration has concluded based on the totality of scientific evidence available that certain imported disposable FFRs that are not approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) are appropriate to protect the public health or safety. Authorized respirators listed in Table 1 of this seven-page letter are authorized for use in healthcare settings by healthcare personnel. (PDF)

[Infection Prevention and Control for the Safe Management of a Dead Body in the Context of COVID-19](#)

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/24/2020. This six-page interim guidance is for all those, including managers of health care facilities and mortuaries, religious and public health authorities, and families, who tend to the bodies of persons who have died of suspected or confirmed COVID-19. (PDF)

[Evidence of Initial Success for China Exiting COVID-19 Social Distancing Policy After Achieving Containment: Report 11](#)

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Imperial College London. Published: 3/24/2020. This eight-page report provides information about how China has successfully exited its stringent social distancing policy to some degree. Policies implemented to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in China and the exiting strategies that followed can inform decision-making processes for countries once containment is achieved. (PDF)

[Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use of Ventilators During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Published: 3/24/2020. This two-page fact sheet informs healthcare providers of the significant known and potential risks and benefits of the emergency use of ventilators, anesthesia gas machines modified for use as ventilators, and positive pressure breathing devices modified for use as ventilators (collectively referred to as "ventilators"), ventilator tubing connectors, and ventilator accessories that are authorized for emergency use in healthcare settings for treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic by their healthcare providers. (PDF)

[Clinical Guidance and Coronavirus: Deploying a Mass Casualty Mindset to Stay Ahead of "The Curve"](#)
03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Association for Disaster and Emergency Medicine (WADEM). Published: 3/24/2020. This one-hour, 25-minute webinar provides clear and concrete clinical applications of the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidelines, as well as those of various emergency management/critical care professional societies for front-line practitioners. It examines lessons learned from the Ebola, SARS, H1N1, H5N1, and MERS outbreaks; Las Vegas Shooting; and Military Mass Casualty Management. (Video or Multimedia)

[Crisis Leadership for a Pandemic: COVID-19](#)
03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Center for Disaster Preparedness [Columbia University, Earth Institute] (NCDP). Published: 3/24/2020. To respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, this two-page document applies the principles of crisis leadership learned from 9/11 and other major crises. It details why crisis leaders are vital to maintaining confidence in government and getting others to adapt to extreme events, and describes strategies to connect, collaborate, coordinate, and command and control. (PDF)

[Covering COVID-19 on a State and Local Level](#)
03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma [Columbia University]. Published: 3/24/2020. Presenters in this 43-minutes webinar discuss how local and regional reporting can make a difference in the COVID-19 pandemic, what ground-level indicators and issues should be

followed, and how reporters can effectively assess local and state-level responses, and accurately cover the pandemic's impact on families and children. (Video or Multimedia)

Operational Considerations for Managing COVID-19 Cases or Outbreaks on Board Ships

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/24/2020. This eight-page document, updated on March 25, 2020, has been prepared based on the evidence currently available about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) transmission (human-to-human transmission via respiratory droplets or direct contact from an infected individual), and is recommended for use in conjunction with the World Health Organization (WHO) Handbook for Management of Public Health Events on Board Ships. It is for any authority involved in public health response to a COVID-19 public health event on board ships, including International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Point (NFP); port health authorities; local, provincial, and national health surveillance and response systems; port operators; and ship operators. (PDF)

COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to Law Enforcement, Paramedics, Other First Responders and Public Health Authorities

03/24/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Published: 3/24/2020. This four-page document provides guidance on how covered entities may disclose protected health information (PHI) about an individual who has been infected with or exposed to COVID-19 to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders, and public health authorities in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. (PDF)

Interim Guidance on Management of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Correctional and Detention Facilities

03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/23/2020. This web page provides interim guidance specific for correctional facilities and detention centers during the outbreak of COVID-19, to ensure continuation of essential public services and protection of the health and safety of incarcerated and detained persons, staff, and visitors. (Text)

Prioritization of Survey Activities

03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Published: 3/23/2020. This 28-page memorandum details how the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is prioritizing surveys by authorizing modification of timetables and deadlines for the performance of certain required activities, delaying revisit surveys, and generally exercising enforcement discretion for

three weeks, following the declaration of a national emergency regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. (PDF)

Transportation and COVID-19 – Practices from Other Disease Outbreaks
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Transportation Research Board (TRB). Published: 3/23/2020. This one-hour, 31-minute webinar identifies a holistic approach that transportation and health agencies may take to contain and manage the COVID-19 outbreak. Presenters discussed their experiences with other outbreaks such as H1N1 (2009 – a.k.a. "swine flu") and avian influenza. They identified challenges COVID-19 has presented in their transportation systems and what their agencies are doing to adapt and mitigate risks for those at greatest risk of contracting the illness. (Video or Multimedia)

Global COVID-19 Clinical Platform
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/23/2020. This five-page COVID-19 clinical characterization case record form (clinical CRF) is intended to provide member states with a standardized approach to collect clinical data in order to better understand the natural history of disease and describe clinical phenotypes and treatment interventions (i.e., clinical characterization). By using one standardized clinical data tool, there is potential for clinical data from around the world to be aggregated, in order to learn more to inform the public health response and prepare for large-scale clinical trials. This CRF has three modules. (PDF)

Considerations for Outpatient Mental and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Settings
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/23/2020. Persons with serious mental illness who are served in outpatient treatment settings may be at elevated risk for acquiring COVID-19 and may have a more complicated course. This one-page document provides specific guidance for outpatient facilities during the COVID-19 emergency. (PDF)

GBV (Gender-Based Violence) Case Management and the COVID-19 Pandemic
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Published: 3/23/2020. This 13-page report aims to provide practical support to gender-based violence (GBV) practitioners to adapt GBV case management service delivery models quickly and ethically during the current COVID-19 pandemic. GBV programming from other contexts of severely restricted access, such as conflict and natural disaster, offers important insights into how the provision of remote GBV case management support may be adapted to continue to offer a critical avenue of support to vulnerable women and girls. (PDF)

[Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings (Interim Guidance)](#)
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/23/2020. This guidance, updated on March 23, 2020, is a reference to guide healthcare personnel regarding discontinuing transmission-based precautions and discharging hospitalized patients with COVID-19. It includes updated guidance for a test-based strategy. (Text)

[Considerations Relating to Social Distancing Measures in Response to COVID-19–Second Update: Technical Report](#)
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/23/2020. This 12-page document aims to support public health preparedness planning and response activities based upon social distancing measures aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). Updates include additional information about workplace closures; discussion of the term social distancing vis-à-vis the practice of physical distancing; and discussion of the importance of promoting solidarity and mutual community support when social distancing measures are implemented. (PDF)

[Considerations Related to the Safe Handling of Bodies of Deceased Persons with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19: Technical Report](#)
03/23/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/23/2020. This four-page document aims to support public health preparedness planning and response activities on the safe handling of bodies of deceased persons with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 (coronavirus): at the site of death; during transport, storage, and preparation before burial/cremation; and during burial/cremation. There is no evidence so far of transmission of SARS-CoV-2 through the handling of bodies of deceased persons. (PDF)

[Laboratory Testing Strategy Recommendations for COVID-19](#)
03/22/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/22/2020. The World Health Organization has outlined critical priority actions for preparedness, readiness, and response actions for COVID-19 (coronavirus) and has defined four transmission scenarios. This six-page document provides guidance to policymakers and laboratories on testing strategies for each of these four scenarios, including the scenario in which testing can be performed only on a limited number of patients. (PDF)

[Interim Guidance for Responding to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Among People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness](#)

03/22/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/22/2020. This guidance is intended to provide key actions that local and state health departments, homelessness service systems, housing authorities, emergency planners, healthcare facilities, and homeless outreach services can take to protect people experiencing homelessness from the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). (Text)

[Information for Healthcare Professionals: COVID-19 and Underlying Conditions](#)
03/22/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/22/2020. Based upon available information to date, this web page lists those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19, and provides guidance for healthcare professionals and patients at high risk. (Text)

[Preparing for COVID-19: Long-Term Care Facilities, Nursing Homes](#)
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/21/2020. This web page, updated on March 21, 2020, provides strategies that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) in long-term care facilities and nursing homes. Nursing homes should assume it could already be in their community and move to restrict all visitors and unnecessary healthcare personnel from the facility; cancel group activities and communal dining; and implement active screening of residents and healthcare personnel for fever and respiratory symptoms. (Text)

[Rapid Expert Consultation on Data Elements and Systems Design for Modeling and Decision Making for the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Academies Press (NAP). Published: 3/21/2020. In response to a request from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine convened a standing committee of experts to help inform OSTP on critical science and policy issues related to emerging infectious diseases and other public health threats. This four-page publication provides feedback on questions about necessary data elements, sources of data, gaps in collection, and suggestions for data system design and integration to improve modeling and decision-making for COVID-19 (coronavirus). The standing committee includes approximately 15 members with expertise in emerging infectious diseases, public health, public health preparedness and response, biological sciences, clinical care and crisis standards of care, risk communication, and regulatory issues. (Text)

COVID-19 HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems) Setup and Data Sharing Practices
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Published: 3/21/2020. This four-page document offers information to help Continuum of Care (CoC) and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) leadership at the local level to create an action plan for recording and communicating data around COVID-19 (coronavirus) and homelessness for their community. HUD strongly recommends that CoCs work with their local health departments to blend their activities and actions with the plans the health departments are activating. (PDF)

Information for Clinicians on Therapeutic Options for COVID-19 Patients
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/21/2020. There are no Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved drugs specifically for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. At present, clinical management includes infection prevention and control measures and supportive care, including supplementary oxygen and mechanical ventilatory support when indicated. An array of drugs approved for other indications, as well as several investigational drugs, are being studied in several hundred clinical trials that are underway across the globe. This web page provides information on two of the approved drugs (chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine) and one of the investigational agents (remdesivir) currently in use in the United States. (Text)

Blood and Plasma Collection: Interim Infection Control Guidance on COVID-19 for Personnel at Blood and Plasma Collection Facilities
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/21/2020. This COVID-19 (coronavirus) guidance for administration, staff, and volunteers at blood and plasma collection facilities is provided to protect the health of staff, volunteers, and donors by reinforcing adherence to routine infection prevention and control measures, including hand hygiene practices, environmental infection control, and personal protective equipment (PPE); and support and educate staff and volunteers about the symptoms of COVID-19 so that they can evaluate themselves and donors for symptoms and set up the facility to minimize spread. (Text)

N95 Filtering Facemask Respirator Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) Process for Decontamination and Reuse
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC). Published: 3/21/2020. The ongoing pandemic of SARS-CoV-2 resulting in COVID-19 (coronavirus) has severely stressed the worldwide healthcare system and has created dangerous shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), including N95 filtering facepiece respirators (N95 FFRs). In an effort to

extend the stockpile of N95 FFRs, this 20-page document details the decontamination procedure developed by the University of Nebraska Medical Center involving the delivery of ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI) to used N95 FFRs. (PDF)

[Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities in the Context of COVID-19](#)
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/21/2020. This five-page document provides guidance on infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities in the context of COVID-19, to prevent COVID-19-virus from entering the facility, prevent COVID-19 from spreading within the facility, and prevent COVID-19 from spreading to outside the facility. (PDF)

[Pandemic Preparedness in the Workplace and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
03/21/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Published: 3/21/2020. This technical assistance document provides information about Titles I and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act and pandemic planning in the workplace. It was originally issued in 2009, during the spread of H1N1 virus, and has been re-issued on March 21, 2020, to incorporate updates regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. It identifies established ADA principles that are relevant to questions frequently asked about workplace pandemic planning. (Text)

[Maintaining a Safe and Adequate Blood Supply During the Pandemic Outbreak of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/20/2020. This five-page document provides interim guidance on the management of the blood supply in response to the pandemic outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). It is intended for blood services, national health authorities, and others responsible for the provision of blood and blood components and integration of the blood system within the public health system. (PDF)

[COVID-19: Protecting Health Care Workers-Lessons From Taiwan and Italy](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM). Published: 3/20/2020. In this one-hour, 20-minute webinar, two experienced occupational and environmental medicine professors from Taiwan and Italy discuss how the protection of health care workers (HCWs) has progressed in their country, the number of HCWs infected, and what has worked and not worked in protecting HCWs from COVID-19. (Video or Multimedia)

[Considerations for the Care and Treatment of Mental and Substance Use Disorders in the COVID-19 Epidemic: March 20, 2020](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/20/2020. This one-page document offers considerations for behavioral healthcare facilities aimed at decreasing the likelihood of COVID-19 infection and viral transmission, and providing for the behavioral health needs of patients. It strongly recommends the use of telehealth and/or telephonic services to provide evaluation and treatment of patients. (PDF)

[Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak Glossary](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Published: 3/20/2020. This resource provides a description of some key medical, health care, and public health terms used in the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. (Text)

[Supportive Practices for Mental Health Professionals During Pandemic-Related Social Distancing](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network (MHTTC). Published: 3/20/2020. For mental health professionals, the challenges that accompany social distancing can place significant roadblocks to daily work. This two-page document provides tips for the mental health workforce on supporting behavioral health during social distancing. (PDF)

[Substance Use Disorder Services in the Days of a Pandemic: You Need a Bigger Boat!](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network . Published: 3/20/2020. This 32-minute presentation discusses how providing substance use disorder services during a pandemic such as COVID-19 requires a mix of disaster preparedness, safety precautions, telehealth, and ethics. Participants will learn about safety precautions, how to move all services to telehealth, and leadership actions underway to address this rapidly changing situation. (Video or Multimedia)

[How to Use WHO Risk Assessment and Mitigation Checklist for Mass Gatherings in the Context of COVID-19](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/20/2020. This four-page document is an operational tool that offers guidance for organizers holding meetings during the COVID-19

outbreak. It provides a COVID-19 risk assessment and mitigation checklist for use by host countries and mass gathering organizers and staff. (PDF)

[Public Response to UK Government Recommendations on COVID-19: Population Survey, 17-18 March 2020: Report 10](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Imperial College London. Published: 3/20/2020. This six-page report summarizes the findings of a survey that was completed by 2,108 United Kingdom adults on March 17-18, 2020, about new actions to control COVID-19. Findings include that 93 percent of adults reported personally taking at least one measure to protect themselves from COVID-19 infection. (PDF)

[Coronavirus and the HCH (Health Care for the Homeless) Community: Status Updates, Available Guidance, Local Preparations, and Outstanding Issues](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Health Care for the Homeless Council (HCH). Published: 3/20/2020. This one-hour, 28-minute webinar features speakers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Health Care for the Homeless clinical and administrative leaders who discuss the COVID-19 outbreak, the available guidance that is specific to homeless service venues, the preparations that homeless health care providers are making, and the myriad outstanding issues being identified. (Video or Multimedia)

[Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living: Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/20/2020. This web page provides general and COVID-19 guidance for retirement and independent living communities, under these topics: Take Steps to Stay Healthy; Guidance for Retirement Communities and Facilities; FAQs for Administrators; and Disinfecting Your Facility if Someone is Sick. (Text)

[Strategies to Allocate Ventilators from Stockpiles to Facilities](#)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/20/2020. During a large-scale public health emergency involving a respiratory disease like COVID-19, federal, state, or local stockpiled ventilators should be deployed in a way that optimizes the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of this scarce resource. State and local planners can use the strategies in this guide to assist them when allocating ventilators from public health stockpiles to hospitals and other facilities during a pandemic. (Text)

[Emergency Situations: Preparedness, Planning, and Response](#)

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Published: 3/20/2020. This web page, updated on March 20, 2020, addresses the release of protected health information for planning or response activities in emergency situations, and discusses the Privacy Rule, which protects individually identifiable health information from uses and disclosures that unnecessarily compromise the privacy of an individual. It provides additional information about planning, response, and waivers, including the waiving of potential HIPAA penalties for good faith use of telehealth during the nationwide public health emergency due to COVID-19. (Text)

Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Schools
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Published: 3/20/2020. The purpose of this 12-page document, published with the World Health Organization and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, is to provide clear and actionable guidance for safe operations through the prevention, early detection, and control of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in schools and other educational facilities. The guidance, while specific to countries that have already confirmed the transmission of COVID-19, is still relevant in all other contexts. (PDF)

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Supply of Substances of Human Origin in the EU/EEA (European Union/European Economic Area)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: European Union, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). Published: 3/20/2020. This 10-page document aims to provide a risk assessment and management options for the safe and sustainable supply of substances of human origin (SoHO) to assist the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA) Member States in responding to the threat posed by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Following the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and worldwide, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) has published a set of rapid risk assessments and set out measures on how to maintain the safety and sustainability of SoHO supply. (Presentation Slides)

Interim Guidance for COVID-19 and Persons with HIV
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: National Library of Medicine [National Institutes of Health] (NLM). Published: 3/20/2020. This interim guidance reviews special considerations for persons with HIV and their health care providers in the United States regarding COVID-19 (coronavirus). This guidance includes general information to consider, and provides guidance for special populations, persons with HIV in quarantine or isolation, and clinicians. (Text)

OTP (Opioid Treatment Program) Guidance for Patients Quarantined at Home with the Coronavirus

03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/20/2020. This two-page document details the steps to take for opioid treatment programs (OTPs) for patients quarantined at home with COVID-19 (coronavirus). OTPs should obtain documentation now for each patient as to who is designated permission to pick up medication for them and maintain the process of determining a designee for any new patients. (PDF)

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Retirement Communities and Independent Living Facilities (Interim Guidance)
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/20/2020. This guidance is for owners, administrators, operators, workers, volunteers, visitors, and residents of retirement communities and independent living facilities that are not healthcare facilities. Many people living in retirement communities and independent living facilities are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 (coronavirus) because they are older adults and/or have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease. (Text)

Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Xpert® Xpress SARS-CoV-2; Cepheid
03/20/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Published: 3/20/2020. This three-page fact sheet informs healthcare providers of the significant known and potential risks and benefits of the emergency use of the Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 test, the first emergency use authorization (EUA) for a point-of-care COVID-19 diagnostic. The test is authorized for use on using respiratory specimens collected from individuals suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider. (PDF)

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak: Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities of Health Workers, Including Key Considerations for Occupational Safety and Health
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/19/2020. Health workers are at the front line of any outbreak response and are exposed to hazards that put them at risk of infection with an outbreak pathogen (in this case, COVID-19). This two-page document, updated on March 19, 2020, highlights the rights and responsibilities of health workers, including specific measures needed to protect occupational safety and health. It lists actions for health employers, managers, and health workers to follow. (PDF)

Pandemic Risk Communication and Business Continuity
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM). Published: 3/19/2020. This one-hour, 20-minute webinar, cosponsored with the International Association of Emergency Managers Canada and the Centre for Crisis & Risk Communication, provides information about how organizations might apply science-based risk communication tools to their response to pandemic events such as COVID-19 (coronavirus). Crisis and risk communication professionals discuss types of coronavirus, lessons learned from the SARS pandemic, and crisis decision-making. (Video or Multimedia)

[Considerations for Crisis Centers and Clinicians in Managing the Treatment of Alcohol or Benzodiazepine Withdrawal During the COVID-19 Epidemic: March 19, 2020](#)
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/19/2020. The COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic has created countless primary and secondary challenges for those delivering care to the most vulnerable populations. An additional concern has arisen for those with alcohol use disorder, benzodiazepine use disorder, or other conditions that increase the risk of seizures. This five-page document offers precautionary guidance to those that are prepared and capable to receive and treat these individuals. (PDF)

[FAQs: Provision of Methadone and Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in the COVID-19 Emergency](#)
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/19/2020. This two-page document provides answers to frequently asked questions about providing methadone and buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic. Topics include the use of telehealth for new and existing patients, and dispensing medication based on telehealth. (PDF)

[Self-Care and Applying Psychological First Aid for COVID-19 Healthcare Responders](#)
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Published: 3/19/2020. This 14-minute video provides the healthcare responder with just-in-time training on responder stress during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic, and provides stress management strategies that should be implemented now to protect the healthcare workforce. (Video or Multimedia)

[Operational Considerations for Case Management of COVID-19 in Health Facility and Community](#)
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/19/2020. This eight-page document is intended for health ministers, health system administrators, and other decision-makers to guide the care of COVID-19 (coronavirus) patients as the response capacity of health systems is challenged; and to ensure that COVID-19 patients can access life-saving treatment, without compromising public health objectives and safety of health workers. (PDF)

CDC Private Sector Partner Call for COVID-19
03/19/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/19/2020. This 30-minute conference call provides a situational update of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) partners, including members of the private sector, public health organizations, universities, and clinical societies. The speaker answers questions related to social distancing, the epidemiology curve of this pandemic, whether or not people should wear masks, and other topics. (Video or Multimedia)

Lessons Learned? Responding to Ebola in the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo)
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Published: 3/18/2020. This one-hour, 34-minute webinar discusses to what degree the lessons learned from the West Africa Ebola outbreak have been taken into account in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) Ebola response and how barriers to containment of the disease could be better addressed. The response to Ebola in the DRC has been complicated by conflict between central government, local political actors, and armed groups in the affected areas. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID19: Interim Considerations for State Psychiatric Hospitals
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Published: 3/18/2020. Individuals with serious mental illness are at particular risk related to co-occurring medical conditions, as well as challenges with accessing healthcare. This two-page document details how attention to proper prevention and infection control procedures, as well as attention to the psychological impacts of COVID-19 (coronavirus), are important for mental health facilities. (PDF)

COVID-19 and Opioid Treatment Programs
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Ohio Department of Health. Published: 3/18/2020. The frequently asked questions about COVID-19 (coronavirus) and opioid treatment programs in this six-page document have been reviewed and cleared by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). States and programs are encouraged to review the information, developed to

support opioid treatment programs relating to the COVID-19 situation in Ohio, for potential consideration and application to their individual circumstances. (PDF)

ASHP (American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists) COVID-19 Pandemic Assessment Tool for Health-System Pharmacy Departments
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists (ASHP). Published: 3/18/2020. This eight-page tool is intended to assist in COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic planning efforts in departments of pharmacy and to foster pharmacist involvement in preparedness at the institutional and community levels. This tool is not intended to cover all pandemic planning, but is intended to be useful in identifying gaps and vulnerabilities in a pharmacy department's readiness for the COVID-19 pandemic. (PDF)

FDA Guidance on Conduct of ClinicalTrials of Medical Products During the COVID-19 Pandemic
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Published: 3/18/2020. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued this nine-page guidance to provide general considerations to assist sponsors in assuring the safety of trial participants in the conduct of clinical trials of medical products, maintaining compliance with good clinical practice (GCP), and minimizing risks to trial integrity during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. It addresses the challenges that may lead to difficulties in meeting protocol-specified procedures, including administering or using the investigational product or adhering to protocol-mandated visits and laboratory/diagnostic testing. (PDF)

Palliative Care and the Impact of COVID-19
03/18/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC). Published: 3/18/2020. This 38-minute webinar discusses the impact of COVID-19 on palliative care, and how to find resources for a COVID-19 Response Toolkit, virtual office hours, and a feedback form to share tools, policies, or ideas that have been helpful. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19: Live Webcast with Johns Hopkins Experts
03/17/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Johns Hopkins University, Bloomberg School of Public Health. Published: 3/17/2020. In this 31-minute presentation, experts from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health address questions about the COVID-19 (coronavirus) epidemic that include: What actions do we know are effective in pandemics? Does social distancing truly make a difference in an outbreak? What have we learned about COVID-19 that can inform how we prepare and respond in our daily lives? (Video or Multimedia)

WHO Tool for Behavioural Insights on COVID-19

Source: World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe. Published: 3/17/2020. This World Health Organization (WHO) tool for rapid, flexible, and cost-effective monitoring of public knowledge, risk perceptions, behaviors, and trust is now available to countries in the WHO European Region to make their COVID-19-related response relevant and actionable, in order to affect public behavior. (Text)

Healthcare Preparedness for SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19
03/17/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC). Published: 3/17/2020. The purpose of this webinar is to outline evidence-based recommendations, best practices, and Joint Commission Standards for managing an influx of infectious patients, including an outbreak or pandemic involving COVID-19. It outlines crisis standards of care related to the use of masks and respirators during outbreaks of COVID-19. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19 Responder Self-Triage
03/17/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Published: 3/17/2020. This one-page Daily Responder Self-Triage checklist provides a way to look at and assess responder stress levels over a week. Understanding trauma risk will help responders realize when they need to activate stress management activities to increase their resilience. (PDF)

Coronavirus: Resources for Child Care and Advice from the Field
03/17/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Child Care Aware of America. Published: 3/17/2020. In this 54-minute webinar, speakers share the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) and emergency preparedness resources from Child Care Aware of America, updates and advice from staff, and work that the Maryland Child Care Resource Network is doing to assist the child care community and families in Maryland. The webinar also includes a discussion of what's being done around the country at child care agencies and what people are doing to prepare and work with families. (Video or Multimedia)

How Many Adults Are at Risk of Serious Illness If Infected with Coronavirus?
03/17/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Published: 3/17/2020. To inform discussions about the challenges associated with coronavirus (COVID-19) in the U.S., this report analyzed data from the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to estimate the total number of adults nationwide, and by state, who have an elevated risk of serious illness if they are infected with coronavirus. Older people and younger adults with serious medical conditions,

such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease, have a greater risk of becoming severely ill if they get infected with coronavirus. (PDF)

Information for Healthcare Providers: COVID-19 and Pregnant Women
03/16/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Infectious Diseases (CDC OID). Published: 3/16/2020. This web page provides frequently asked questions and answers about COVID-19 and pregnant women, pregnant healthcare providers, transmission during pregnancy or delivery, infants, and transmission through breastmilk. (Text)

Preparedness, Prevention and Control of COVID-19 in Prisons and Other Places of Detention
03/15/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe. Published: 3/15/2020. This 40-page document aims to assist countries in developing specific plans and/or consolidating further action for prisons and other places of detention in response to the international COVID-19 outbreak, with consideration of preparedness plans, prevention and control strategies, and contingency plans to interface with the wider health and emergency planning system. (PDF)

Royal London Hospital COVID Intubation SOP (Standard Operating Procedure)
03/14/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). Published: 3/14/2020. This two-page chart from the Royal London Hospital details the steps to reduce staff exposure, reduce kit contamination, reduce aerosol generation, and maximize the first pass intubation in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. (PDF)

Psychosocial Impacts of Disasters: Assisting Community Leaders
03/12/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network (MHTTC). Published: 3/12/2020. This 40-minute webinar provides an overview of best practices for responding to the psychosocial impacts of disasters. It focuses on understanding the importance of risk communication to mitigate mental health problems during disasters, reviews the phases of disaster as they pertain to mental health, and provides an overview of risk and protective factors for individuals and communities faced with disaster. (Video or Multimedia)

Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners
03/10/2020 12:00 AM EDT

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Published: 3/10/2020. The emergence of the coronavirus (COVID-19) calls for enhanced cooperation between public health authorities, homeless service systems, and other partners at the local level. This one-hour, 17-minute webinar features a panel of experts who provide the most up-to-date information available and identify resources to support local response efforts by homeless assistance providers and their partners. (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19 and Psychology Services: How to Protect Your Patients and Your Practice
03/05/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: American Psychological Association (APA). Published: 3/5/2020. This web page details how psychologists can take steps now to prepare their practices, address patient concerns, and manage anxiety in their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Text)

Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs
03/02/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Published: 3/2/2020. During crisis situations such as the COVID-19 pandemic, health conditions in individuals experiencing homelessness can be exacerbated if health care regimens are not maintained, or if histories of trauma trigger high-risk behaviors. The questions and answers in this two-page document may assist local jurisdictions direct initial conversations between key partners, including Continuums of Care (CoCs), public health authorities, and local health care providers to limit the risk of infection. (PDF)

COVID-19 and HIPAA Bulletin: Limited Waiver of HIPAA Sanctions and Penalties During a Nationwide Public Health Emergency
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Published: 3/2020. In response to the nationwide emergency concerning COVID-19 (coronavirus), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has exercised the authority to waive sanctions and penalties against a covered hospital that does not comply with the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule detailed in this five-page memorandum. The waiver became effective on March 15, 2020. (PDF)

Protecting Yourself from COVID-19 in the Workplace
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences [National Institutes of Health] (NIEHS). Published: 3/2020. This training tool provides health and safety guidance to workers who work in industries with the potential for exposure to COVID-19. It will be updated with new

information as the situation evolves. It covers how to assess the risk of workplace exposure to COVID-19, and define key steps in worker protection and infection control. (PDF)

Section 1135 Waiver COVID-19 State/Territory Request Template
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Published: 3/2020. States/territories can request approval that certain statutes and implementing regulations be waived by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), pursuant to section 1135 of the Social Security Act. The list in this four-page document includes some of the temporary flexibilities available to CMS under section 1135. (Text)

Enforcement Policy for Ventilators and Accessories and Other Respiratory Devices During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Published: 3/2020. The Food and Drug Administration has issued this 14-page guidance to provide a policy to help expand the availability of ventilators, as well as other respiratory devices and their accessories, during the COVID-19 pandemic. It lists the devices and accessories that the guidance applies to. (PDF)

Remote Psychological First Aid During the COVID-19 Outbreak
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). Published: 3/2020. These guidelines can be used by Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies to set up and run different kinds of remote psychological first aid services for the public during the time of a COVID-19 response. The target groups for the guidelines in this 12-page document are adults. (PDF)

Interim Recommendations for Adjusting Food Distribution Standard Operating Procedures in the Context of the COVID-19 Outbreak
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC). Published: 3/2020. This six-page document aims to guide the revision of existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Food Distribution in the COVID-19 context at the country level to minimize the risk of exposure of personnel, partners, and beneficiaries. It is not meant to replace existing SOPs, but rather complement them. (PDF)

Guidelines for Care Homes for Older People in the Context of Coronavirus (COVID-19)
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: HelpAge International. Published: 3/2020. This four-page document provides guidance and advice for care homes about coronavirus (COVID-19). It includes information on personal behavior, action to take inside the care home, interaction with the outside environment, management responsibilities, governance, and what to do if someone has COVID-19. (PDF)

COVID-19: Frequently Asked Questions
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: American Medical Association (AMA). Published: 3/2020. This web page for health care professionals provides answers to 10 frequently asked questions about COVID-19. Topics include travel, testing, treatment, and self-care. (Text)

Managing Healthcare Workers' Stress Associated with the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: National Center for PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder] [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs]. Published: 3/2020. This web page details how well-being and emotional resilience of healthcare workers are key components of maintaining essential healthcare services during the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and why it is important to fight stress through preparedness and put in place supports for healthcare workers. It discusses how to manage stress during and after the outbreak. (PDF)

For Providers and Community Leaders: Helping People Manage Stress Associated with the COVID-19 Virus Outbreak
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: National Center for PTSD [Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder] [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs]. Published: 3/2020. This web page provides guidance about how health care providers, community and religious leaders, and government officials all have a role to play in helping people cope effectively and manage their stress in the current climate of concerns about COVID-19 (coronavirus) transmission. It describes five key principles for health care providers, community leaders, and others concerned with the psychological welfare of the public to follow when providing help in situations like the COVID-19 outbreak. (Text)

Oxford COVID-19 Evidence Service
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: University of Oxford, Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine (CEBM). Published: 3/2020. The Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine has committed its skills and expertise in evidence synthesis and dissemination to the effort against the current COVID-19 pandemic. Topics in this collection include ACEI and ARBs, weather conditions, conjunctivitis, mobility in isolated elderly, social distancing, management of pneumonia in older people, smoking, fever suppression, inhaled steroids and asthma, NSAIDS, mortality rates, hand disinfectant, and research surveillance. The page will be updated regularly. (Text)

COVID-19 at Points of Entry
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Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/2020. This course on COVID-19 at points of entry has three modules: Management of ill travelers at points of entry in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak (available now); Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak on board ships (coming soon); and Operational considerations for managing COVID-19 cases/outbreak in aviation (coming soon). (Video or Multimedia)

COVID-19: Workers Training Program Resources
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences [National Institutes of Health] (NIEHS). Published: 3/2020. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Worker Training Program (WTP) has gathered these training tools about COVID-19, including train-the-trainer material, pertaining to protecting workers involved in emergency response and cleanup activities performed in the United States. These tools provide health and safety guidance to workers who work in industries with the potential for exposure to COVID-19. (Text)

COVID-19: A Frontline Guide for Local Decision-Makers
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI). Published: 3/2020. This 31-page document is intended to provide leaders and public officials at any state, city, or local level with a support tool to assist in informed strategy and decision-making on how to combat COVID-19 in their jurisdiction. It provides context and advice on how to tailor principles of outbreak control strategy, disaster management, and evolving knowledge on COVID-19 dynamics to different local conditions. (PDF)

COVID-19 Toolbox
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Medical Mission Institute. Published: 3/2020. This web page provides links to information and guidance about COVID-19, with topic categories of Key Resources, Clinical Guidelines, Communication and Training, Advice for Different Target Groups, and Public Health. (Text)

Strategies and Interventions on Preventing and Responding to Violence and Injuries Among Refugees and Migrants: Technical Guidance
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe. Published: 3/2020. This 60-page technical guidance document outlines current evidence, knowledge, and best practice relating to incidences of violence and injuries among refugees and migrants in the World Health Organization European Region. It highlights key principles, summarizes priority actions and

challenges, maps existing international commitments and frameworks, and provides practical policy considerations for preventing and responding to such challenges. (PDF)

[Drug Misuse: Sustained National Efforts Are Necessary for Prevention, Response, and Recovery](#)

03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Published: 3/2020. This 52-page report provides information on trends in drug misuse, costs and other effects of drug misuse on society and the economy, and challenges the nation faces in addressing the drug crisis. National rates of drug misuse rose from 15 percent in 2003 to 19 percent in 2018. (PDF)

[Drug Enforcement Administration COVID-19 Information Page](#)
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Published: 3/2020. This web page provides questions and answers about COVID-19, plus information about Prescriptions, Registration, Quota, National Drug Supply, Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substance (EPCS), Telemedicine, Medication Assisted Treatment, Records and Reports, Contacts, Important Federal Links, and Important State Links. (Text)

[Regulating Medicines in a Globalized World: The Need for Increased Reliance Among Regulators](#)
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: National Academies Press (NAP). Published: 3/2020. Drug development, authorization, and regulatory supervision have become international endeavors, with most medicines becoming global commodities. This 148-page report considers the role of mutual recognition and other reliance activities among regulators in contributing to enhancing public health. It identifies opportunities for leveraging reliance activities more broadly in order to potentially impact public health globally. (Text)

[Family Planning in Humanitarian Settings: A Strategic Planning Guide](#)
03/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: High Impact Practices. Published: 3/2020. This report leads national and sub-national decision-makers through a strategic process to identify actions that improve family planning access in places at risk of, experiencing, and recovering from crisis events. (Text)

[Managing Stress and the Threat of COVID-19](#)
02/26/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Published: 2/26/2020. This two-page document discusses the importance of recognizing and monitoring stress levels during the COVID-19 outbreak, and provides psychological first aid (PFA) strategies to help reduce stress. (PDF)

[COVID-19 and Healthcare Responder Stress](#)

02/26/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Minnesota Department of Health. Published: 2/26/2020. Healthcare responders are at higher than average risk for traumatic stress reactions because their work repeatedly exposes them to highly stressful situations, including the COVID-19 pandemic. This two-page document provides tips on how to implement organizational stress management policies, and practice personal stress management. (PDF)

[Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)](#)
02/18/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Australian Government. Published: 2/18/2020. This 56-page document is designed to guide the Australian health sector response to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. The strategic objectives across all stages and activities proposed in this plan are to identify and characterize the nature of the virus and the clinical severity of the disease in the Australian context; minimize transmissibility, morbidity, and mortality; minimize the burden on/support health systems; and inform, engage, and empower the public. (PDF)

[CONVERGE Cultural Competence in Hazards and Disaster Research](#)
01/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: Natural Hazards Center [University of Colorado at Boulder]. Published: 1/2020. This training module focuses on culturally competent research, and offers guidance on how hazards and disaster researchers can build cultural competence. It includes three lessons. (Video or Multimedia).

[Preparing Child Care Programs for Pandemic Influenza](#)
01/01/2020 12:00 AM EST

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Published: 2020. These strategies are useful in helping child care programs to prepare for a pandemic or seasonal influenza outbreak. Topics are Training, Communication, Steps for Improving Preparedness, Strategies, Disaster Preparedness Standards, and Additional Resources. (Text)

[Scarce Resource Management and Crisis Standards of Care](#)
07/01/2019 12:00 AM EDT

Source: Northwest Healthcare Response Network. Published: 7/2019. This 39-page document outlines regional roles and responsibilities, provides a regional decision-making framework and implementation process, and outlines the coordination of healthcare, local health jurisdictions (LHJs), and other regional and state partners during scarce resource management. It provides Critical Care Algorithms, Scarce Resource Cards, and Triage Team Guidelines and Worksheets. (PDF)

[Operational Considerations for Managing COVID-19 Cases or Outbreak in Aviation](#)

03/18/2019 12:00 AM EDT

Source: World Health Organization (WHO). Published: 3/18/2019. This five-page document provides guidance on COVID-19 cases or outbreaks for any authority involved in public health response to a public health event in aviation, including International Health Regulations (IHR) National Focal Points (NFP); health authorities at airports, local, provincial, and national health surveillance and response systems; as well as civil aviation authorities, airport operators, aircraft operators, airports, and airlines. (PDF)