

# Weekly Federal COVID-19 Updates

The Federal government continues to take actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, working to ensure the health and wellbeing of citizens across the country. This week, numerous federal agencies have implemented new initiatives to support communities hit hard by the virus.

## **Administration for Community Living to Host Webinar on Care for Individuals with Dementia During COVID-19**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has presented a wide range of challenges in health care settings, particularly among those that serve vulnerable populations and those with other health conditions. With this in mind, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) will host a webinar on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-1:30 PM EST on Resources for Integrated Care (RIC): Navigating COVID-19: Supporting Individuals with Dementia and Their Caregivers.

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

For more information on the ACL response to COVID-19, visit their website at [acl.gov/COVID-19](https://acl.gov/COVID-19).

## **Health Resources & Services Administration Release Information on Domestic Violence During COVID-19**

As the country continues to struggle to meet health care needs related to COVID-19, emergency rooms have faced additional pressure from a rise in domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual exploitation cases. In response, the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has released information and resources including an information page on their website and a whitepaper from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

For more information, visit the [HRSA information page](#).

To read the full SAMHSA white paper, [click here](#).

For more information and resources from HRSA, visit their website at [hrsa.gov](https://hrsa.gov).

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Host Webinar on the Impact of COVID-19 on Vulnerable Populations**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will host a webinar on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm EDT on Vulnerable Populations and Palliative Care. The webinar will feature interdisciplinary speakers who will discuss the impact of the ongoing pandemic on populations including Black/African Americans and Latinx, persons with disabilities, immigrants, persons who are incarcerated, older adults, nursing home residents, and persons who are homeless.

To register for the webinar, [click here](#).

For more information and resources on COVID-19 from the CDC, [visit their website](#).

### **Department of Health and Human Services awards \$8 million for Health Center Training and Technical Assistance**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded \$8 million to health centers across the country to expand training and technical assistance efforts around COVID-19. This round of funding builds upon recent awards from the Health Resources & Services Administration to ensure that health care facilities have enough capacity to treat COVID-19 patients.

For more information, read the full [HHS press release](#).

For more information on the HHS response to COVID-19, visit their website at [hhs.gov/coronavirus](https://hhs.gov/coronavirus).

### **Department of Health and Human Services Releases Information on Operation Warp Speed**

In a press release this week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) provided clarifying information as well as an overview of Operation Warp Speed (OWS), an ongoing effort to develop, manufacture, and distribute a safe and effective vaccine for COVID-19. The press release details efforts that have already been made toward this goal as well as future plans.

For more information, read the full [HHS press release](#).

For more information on the HHS response to COVID-19, visit their website at [hhs.gov/coronavirus](https://hhs.gov/coronavirus).