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CDC reports four additional presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in California, Oregon, and Washington: one case is likely travel-related, but three are likely due to community spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the U.S.

HEALTH

First Covid-19 outbreak in a U.S. nursing home raises concerns

By Eric Boodman and Helen Branswell Feb. 29, 2020 Reprints

Washington state reported on Saturday the first death in the U.S. from the new coronavirus, the first health care worker to be infected with the disease, and most worrying, the first known outbreak in a long-term care facility.

At a nursing facility in Kirkland, Wash, approximately 27 of the 108 residents and 25 of the 180 staff have some symptoms, health officials said during a teleconference with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Authorities report that some among them have pneumonia.

"We are very concerned about an outbreak in a setting where there are many older people, as we would be wherever people who are susceptible might be gathering," said Jeff Duchin, health officer for public health for Seattle and King County. He added that older adults and people with underlying health conditions like diabetes, heart or lung disease should be especially careful to protect themselves by washing their hands, not touching their faces, and avoiding contact with people who are sick.

The CMS COVID-19 Response

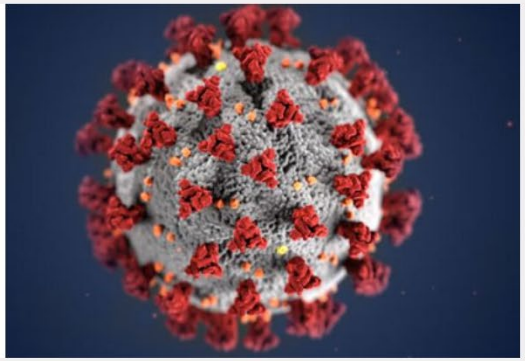
Telehealth
People with Medicare can now get telehealth services from their home, increasing their access to care.

Care by Phone
Patients can consult with a doctor, nurse practitioner, psychologist, and others and Medicare will cover it.

Expanding Hospital Capacity
Community resources like hotels, convention centers and surgery centers can be converted for hospital care.

COVID-19 Vaccine Policies & Guidance

We're giving you the information you need to provide the COVID-19 vaccine. We have many resources about coverage and billing for providers, state Medicaid plans, and private health plans.



COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf

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