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HEARING LOSS AND SAFE, EFFECTIVE HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATION

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**Join us for a virtual presentation
Thursday, May 28th at 12:30 pm CT • 10:30 am PT**

The impact of Covid-19 when everyone is wearing a mask and isolation with persons with hearing loss. Hearing loss exacerbates the impact of isolation and enhances the risk for isolation, depression, confusion and delirium.

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