There is a lot of new information to pass along today. Locally, officials are preparing for a surge in cases as the MD-DC-VA area could be a new 'hotspot' for COVID-19 cases. Please contact us directly if you have information you would like us to include in our updates. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA

**New national guidelines and policies updates:**

- There is more and more evidence that the coronavirus is hitting the African American community harder than others. Trump Administration says detailed demographic data will be released soon. [Learn more here.](#)
- Some coronavirus models are showing that fewer beds and ventilators may be required than originally projected. Some local officials, however, are questioning the data. [Washington Post has the story.](#)
- The Trump Administration will purchase about 167 million masks from 3M Co. over the next three months and those should begin to flow to hospitals soon thereafter.
- The AHA shares information on businesses offering discounted and free services to front-line health care workers. This includes hotel rooms, air travel, ground transportation, food and beverage and includes companies such as Hilton, Marriott, Uber and more. [Details here.](#)

**Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:**

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Regional data as of Tuesday evening: more than 9,000 cases and 190 deaths in MD-DC-VA. There were more than 900 new cases in the region on Tuesday, April 7.
- There are indications that our region may become the next 'hotspot'. Here is information about what that means and its potential impact on hospitals. [Read story.](#)
- Maryland and the District will each receive 50 ventilators from California, according to a tweet from CA Governor Gavin Newsom.
- Nursing homes in our area are seeing a spike in cases and deaths. There are now cases in more than 100 facilities in the region. The two most affected:
  - 32 residents have died at a [facility near Richmond.](#)
  - 14 residents have died at a [facility in Mt. Airy, MD.](#)
  - In response, Maryland has announced a new 'strike team' dedicated to combating the virus in nursing homes. [Story and details.](#)
- Adventist Healthcare will reopen parts of its Takoma Park Campus facility to help with an expected surge in COVID-19 patients.
- Montgomery County has opened its first drive thru testing facility at the Emissions Inspections Program building in
White Oak. There are now drive-thru testing facilities in all jurisdictions in the Greater DC area. Information on MD testing site.

➢ Our neighbors in West Virginia are also closely monitoring developments related to coronavirus (COVID-19). Some of their information may be helpful for organizations in our region. We are also including them in our General Information and Data section at the end of this update. West Virginia Hospital Association COVID-19 Page.

Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:
Contact us directly at 301-731-4700 if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need.

➢ Supply Orders: the Healthcare Council is (still!) placing orders for local hospitals and healthcare organizations for a wide range of products and supplies. If we can help your organization, let us know.

➢ Grey Market Scams: Premier Inc, our GPO partner, published a guide yesterday that helps organizations avoid scams involving supply chains and supplies. Read their report here.

➢ HHS OIG Report: Premier, Inc has also issued a statement regarding the recently released HHS OIG report regarding hospitals and supplies. Report is here.

➢ Premier, Inc Public Page: Here is a link to their public COVID-19 page. Link to Newsroom Page.

Education, Learning, and Resources
We will continue to look for ways we can help with education and learning needs as well as be a resource for the variety of needs you may have during this crisis:

➢ Zoom Meeting with Plexosgroup: The Healthcare Council is working with Plexosgroup, a company that focuses on FEMA reimbursements. Plexos has worked extensively with clients throughout the United States and its’ territories to assist with FEMA funding over $14 Billion and $40 Billion in total disaster recovery experience. They will be presenting some services they can provide in a Zoom call on April 10. Details below.
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   Topic: COVID-19 Funding Assistance
   * Time: Apr 10, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
   * Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/246311165?pwd=NlBXekVNTWFU0Ev50xVRGJKQWJkQT09
   * Meeting ID: 246 311 165  Password: 967327

➢ Leader Check-in: Government, Healthcare, Religious, and Social leaders from around the country will be involved in 'Leader Check-in: Perspectives In the Pandemic' today from 8:am to 3:00pm. Find out more here.

➢ Politico is hosting several webinars today and tomorrow on a series of topics that may be of interest to healthcare professionals and organizations.
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   April 8, 12:00pm: Congressional Response to Coronavirus
   * April 9, 9:00am: Mental Health in the age of Coronavirus

➢ April 9, 4:00pm: Economic Fallout from Coronavirus

General Information Sources:
Resources for National and Regional Up-to-the-Minute Data and Information:

➢ Johns Hopkins University global COVID-19 Tracker

➢ Latest Case data for each state can be found at these websites:
   *
   Maryland
   * Virginia
   * District of Columbia
   * West Virginia

➢ State Hospital Association information can be found at these websites:
   *
   Maryland Hospital Association
   * Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association
   * DC Hospital Association