We have reached the end of another week. Please find some important updates below.

**New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:**

- The CMS report from May 7 includes updated information about notification requirements for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases in nursing homes. Read the News Alert.
- The Food and Drug Administration has withdrawn approval for more than 60 Chinese manufacturers to send N95-style masks to the United States after reporting a large number of low-quality products. The number of approved companies is now 14, down from nearly 80.
- The American Hospital Association is urging members to contact their local members of Congress regarding the next round of COVID-19 legislation.
- More warnings from Medicare about potential fraud schemes related to COVID-19.

**Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:**

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Area cases in our region continue to rise. There are nearly 57,000 total cases with over 2500 deaths.
- Maryland and Virginia have started a gradual re-opening of areas that have been closed. But DC Mayor Muriel Bowser says re-openings will not start until there is a sustained decline in new cases.
- Beginning yesterday, Maryland hospitals may now perform elective surgeries. This comes as a new report shows regional hospitals have seen a sharp decline in emergency room visits.
- Maryland regulators have fined a nursing home in La Plata $10,000 a day, saying it failed to protect residents. The 165-bed facility has the most coronavirus deaths in a nursing home in the state.
- HHS released a database of payments from the CARES ACT General Distribution Fund. Here is a list of the top 3 healthcare providers from our region based on money received:
  - **DC:**
    - Washington Hospital Center Corporation [WASHINGTON, DC] - $26,786,994
    - Medstar Georgetown Medical Center [WASHINGTON, DC] - $18,076,940
    - Lucy Webb Hayes National Training School For Deaconesses & Missionaries [WASHINGTON, DC] - $7,568,154
  - **MD:**
    - Adventist Healthcare [SILVER SPRING, MD] - $15,792,312
    - Peninsula Regional Medical Center [SALISBURY, MD] - $15,045,802
Anne Arundel Medical Center [ANNAPOLIS, MD] - $14,203,756

- VA:
  - Inova Health Care Services [FAIRFAX, VA] - $49,179,728
  - Sentara Hospitals [HAMPTON, VA] - $41,901,820
  - Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority [RICHMOND, VA] - $20,444,763

- WV:
  - West Virginia University Hospitals Inc [MORGANTOWN, WV] - $22,285,062
  - Charleston Area Medical Center [CHARLESTON, WV] - $17,376,553
  - Cabell Huntington Hospital Inc [HUNTINGTON, WV] - $11,421,627

- DE:
  - Christiana Care Health Services Inc [WILMINGTON, DE] - $35,618,488
  - The Nemours Foundation [WILMINGTON, DE] - $14,652,048
  - Bayhealth Medical Center Inc [DOVER, DE] - $12,342,554

**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.

- The Healthcare Council continues to connect healthcare facilities with the supplies they need. We distributed nearly 50,000 isolation masks yesterday from a shipment that was delivered to our office.
- **Companies working to identify fraudulent materials:** 3M, Amazon, and Pfizer (among others) are partnering with the U.S. Customs Enforcement to [curtail counterfeit medical equipment from coming into the country](#).
- **Premier, Inc.** put out a Thank You video, which we linked to last week. If you missed it, [here is another link](#).

**Education, Learning, and Resources**

Updates and details below:

- **The Healthcare Council Divisional Meeting** - Join us for a follow-up videoconference discussion concerning COVID-19 workforce needs at healthcare organizations across the metropolitan D.C. area (MD, DC, and VA), Monday, May 11, 3 p.m. Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming videoconference to Christopher Howard ([cnhoward@healthcare-council.org](mailto:cnhoward@healthcare-council.org)) by 5:00pm EST, today May 8. Discussion moderation will be led by HR Division Chair, Mary Jo Schweickhardt. Please use the following information to access the videoconference meeting.
  - [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsde-qzp2OqHtcUkvrnrj25UUMhyud3H62tN](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsde-qzp2OqHtcUkvrnrj25UUMhyud3H62tN)
- **AscellaHealth**, one of our partners, offers valuable and timely information on drug therapy issues impacting today’s health care and pharmacy environment. Visit their website at [https://www.ascellahealth.com/clinical-bulletins](https://www.ascellahealth.com/clinical-bulletins) for details.

**General Information and Data 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
  - West Virginia Hospital Association
- Morning Consult Resource Page