

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Please have a look at our weekly update on issues related to COVID-19 and how it affects the field of health care. We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our [ShareSource](#) division.



Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways in which we can help you get the supplies you need.



Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates

- DC area healthcare workers and front line responders are heroes and the District of Columbia Hospital Association [has created a video to prove it.](#)
- Deaths related to COVID-19 surpassed 500,000 this week. It's a number that was almost unimaginable 6 months ago. [Reports and tributes to those who have died can be found here.](#)
- Vaccine data: as of February 23, more than 65 million doses of the vaccine have been administered and nearly 20 million Americans are now fully vaccinated, having received the required two doses.
- The AHA is a founding member of The Coalition to Protect America's Health Care, a group that just launched a new TV ad urging Congress to provide critical resources to help hospitals and health systems as they continue the battle against COVID-19. [Watch the ad here.](#)
- The AHA also issued an Action Alert this week urging lawmakers to support hospitals and health care systems in the COVID-19 relief passage that is making its way through Congress. [Read entire Action Alert here.](#)
- COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers are expected to tell lawmakers today that their supplies will soon ramp up as logistical challenges begin to ease. Meanwhile, the FDA took steps to establish a speedy review process for COVID-19 booster shots targeting new coronavirus variants, saying the agency wouldn't require large clinical trials testing the efficacy of any new vaccines.
- A new study is taking a look at overall and non-COVID-19 hospital admissions. [Read the data in the new report here.](#)
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are launching a program that will help ensure that vaccines are reaching underserved communities and those disproportionately affected by COVID-19. [Story found here.](#)
- Finally, coronavirus cases are falling, but officials warn that it is too soon to ease

Education, Learning, and Resources

A look at some of the upcoming meetings and webinars in the weeks ahead.

- **AHA:** A peer-to-peer community of health care professionals dedicated to helping hospitals and health systems recover, rebuild and reimagine health care. Learning together for today, tomorrow and the future of health care. Join the Living Learning Network, a peer-to-peer community of health care professionals helping hospitals and health systems recover and reimagine health care during #COVID19 and beyond. [To take part, sign-up here.](#)
- **2021 Virtual Virginia Patient Safety Summit: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.** Those interested in sharing safety and quality improvement initiatives can contact the summit organizers [here.](#)
- **Medical Solutions Webinar: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.** In this webinar presentation, Medical Solutions will discuss COVID's Butterfly Effect on Temporary Staffing: Practical Tips for Securing Talent. This webinar will explore the impact of increased nationwide demand for temporary clinical labor on local supply, pay rates, and traditional staffing models. Within this framework, participants will gain several practical takeaways to more effectively compete for talent during one of the sharpest labor market imbalances American healthcare has ever experienced. Register in advance for this webinar meeting: [Medical Solutions Webinar.](#)
- **A Roadmap to Eliminating Surgical Smoke: How Littleton Adventist Hospital Went 100% smoke-free: Thursday, February 25, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm CT.** The COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the importance of workplace safety in healthcare, and the operating room is no exception. Surgical tools that cauterize or vaporize tissue can create smoke that may contain toxic chemicals that masks don't filter out. On average, daily exposure to surgical smoke is equivalent to the team smoking 27-30 unfiltered cigarettes. Melony Prince, MSN, RN, clinical educator for surgical services at Littleton (Colo.) Adventist Hospital has played a key role in assisting hospitals to go smoke-free. [Click here](#) to join this live presentation, as Ms. Prince shares a roadmap to help guide other healthcare organizations through this process. Can't attend live? No worries, register now and we will send the recorded version for you to view at your convenience following the webinar! [Register here at Beckers Hospital Review.](#)
- **CareClix Presentation: Monday, March 1, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm.** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are excited to bring to you a special presentation from [CareClix](#). CareClix is a leading global telehealth solution. They offer a variety of telehealth technology and services for providers, organizations, and patients. [Register here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **Ascella Health Webinar: Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.** Drive a Successful Specialty Pharmacy Strategy: Drive New Revenue, Ensure Access to Limited Distribution Drugs (LDD), Expand Infusion Capabilities, Control Costs for At-Risk rare-ultra orphan disease, and Enable Improved Clinical Care Services. With the specialty drug spend reaching above \$250 million annually and growing, is your pharmacy positioned to address the needs of your patients? Without an effective Specialty & Infusion Pharmacy strategy, health systems will be unprepared for its challenges. Register in advance for this meeting: [Ascella Webinar.](#) You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference: July 22-24, 2021, Nashville, TN.** The 2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference will feature senior

health care executives, clinicians and experts in the field presenting high level, transformational strategies and innovative approaches for achieving financial sustainability while delivering greater value through operational excellence, creative partnerships, and redefined delivery models. Special attention will be paid to the strategies and practices that enable health care leaders to remain resilient and respond successfully in periods of sustained crisis. [Learn more here.](#)

- **On Feb. 4, the AMA held a webinar in the Emerging Topics in Professional Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability Series: "Rethinking wellness: COVID-19 and the search for meaning."** The COVID-19 pandemic provides a unique opportunity for health systems to rethink their perspectives on well-being, including reimagining this commitment as a core institutional value. In this Emerging Topics webinar, Bryant Adibe, MD, system vice president and chief wellness officer, Rush University System for Health in Chicago, leads an interactive discussion about wellness, community and our common search for meaning. [Watch the recorded webinar here.](#)

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](#)



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