

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Our weekly update on issues related to COVID-19 and how it affects the field of health care. Our offices are closed on January 20 due to the Inauguration of President Biden, so our update is coming out one day early this week.



We work with local organization to help with supply needs through our Share Source division. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need.

## **Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:**

- COVID-19 deaths will pass 400,000 in the United States this week, a number that few thought we would reach when the pandemic began early last year. Locally, our region is counting the deaths by the thousands. The numbers as of January 17, 2021:
  - ◆ Maryland: 6,400
  - ◆ Virginia: 5,740
  - ◆ District of Columbia: 850
  - ◆ West Virginia: 1,800
- The Inauguration of Joe Biden on Wednesday will bring some policy shifts in areas related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a preview of these changes, President-Elect Biden outlined changes that will be implemented as it relates to vaccine distribution. [Full story here.](#)
- Biden also released a \$1.9 trillion COVID relief plan this week. The AHA has a primer on what it means for hospitals and health systems. [Read the AHA Special Bulletin](#)
- Recent polling shows that Americans are both optimistic about getting the vaccine and frustrated at how it has been rolled-out so far. [Details in Morning Consult Poll.](#)
- The CDC has released a detailed study about COVID-19 rates among nursing home residents and staff members between May 25, 2020 and November 22, 2020. [See the full report here.](#)
- The AHA released a statement after the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6. [Read the full statement here.](#)
- Add Johnson & Johnson to the list? Johnson & Johnson's experimental COVID-19 vaccine generated a long-lasting immune response in an early study, with all patients forming neutralizing antibodies within 57 days in a hopeful sign that the one-shot vaccine will perform as well as two-dose vaccines in the broader population. [Full story from Bloomberg.](#)

## **Education, Learning, and Resources:**

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

- **Healthcare Council/Share Source Supply Chain 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting:** join us on **January 19, 2021** at 12:00pm. The main topic will be Succession Planning & Talent Acquisition for Supply Chain with Alan Edwards serving as moderator. Zoom info below:
  - [Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225688805?pwd=YnNleVYyRklyd3BEaVpPL1RBdlpLZz09 Meeting ID: 882 2568 8805 Passcode: 863310](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225688805?pwd=YnNleVYyRklyd3BEaVpPL1RBdlpLZz09MeetingID:88225688805Passcode:863310)
- **2021 Virtual Virginia Patient Safety Summit:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Details to come, but those interest in sharing safety and quality improvement initiatives can: [Contact the Summitt Organizers 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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