

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for October 14, 2020

We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our ShareSource (formerly NCASS) 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:

- Are we into a second wave of the coronavirus? Cases don't necessarily tell the whole story, but hospitalizations are once again on the rise more than half of the states in the country. Full story from the Wall Street Journal.
- Cases and hospitalizations are also rising in the DMV area. Story and numbers can be found here.
- On the COVID Relief front, this week saw a back and forth between President Trump and Congress with little to show in terms of results. Negotiations continue and there are signs that something may get done in the next week or two.
- The American Hospital Association is urging members to sign a 'Dear Colleague' letter urging HHS to reinstate June COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund reporting requirements. Read the AHA Acton Alert full statement.
- The AHA has also issued an alert to the public urging them not to 'put off the care you need.' Full Special Alert here.
- Area hospitals are seeing a rise in visits according to a new study conducted by the Washington Post.
- The Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA) released the results of a recent statewide poll showing that 66% of Virginians believe government should reimburse hospitals for expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that 81 percent support congressional approval of additional pandemic relief funds for health care providers.
- Investments in digital health companies are booming around the country. See full story here.
- A man in Nevada is the first known case of a person testing positive for the coronavirus twice. Details here.
- The New England Journal of Medicine took the unusual step of making an 'endorsement' in the Presidential election. Read more about the decision here.
- The CDC has updated it's 'How COVID is spread' webpage. See updates and full story here.

Education, Learning, and Resources

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

The Healthcare Council invites you to an educational opportunity on Health System Specialty Pharmacy Services, Friday, October 23, 2020 at 2:00pm EST. Panel guest speakers will include:

Meghan D. Swarthout, PharmD, MBA, BCPS
Division Director, Ambulatory and Care Transitions
Department of Pharmacy – The Johns Hopkins Health System
Scott Canfield, PharmD, CSP

Assistant Director, Clinical Program Development
Johns Hopkins Home Care Group
Danielle Pennock, PharmD
PGY2 Community-based Pharmacy
Administration & Leadership (CPAL) Resident
Johns Hopkins Home Care Group

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcOGqqzlvE9zQwyhm8FfkJoAAICY0s-JR>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Healthcare Council Pharmacy Division is chaired by JoAnn Neuffer. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Christopher Howard, Director of Education for The Healthcare Council at cnhoward@healthcare-council.org.

- **The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA)** has its August issue of 'Review' magazine available in PDF form. [Download the August issue here.](#)
- **CDC Weekly Podcast:** The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) has developed a weekly podcast to update readers on the latest scientific information from CDC's COVID-19 response. In each episode, *MMWR's* Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Charlotte Kent provides an overview of the latest scientific information published in *MMWR*. New episodes are posted every Monday. Information and download instructions can be found here.
- **3rd Patient Safety and Quality Summit:** Register now for this conference, sponsored by the DCHA and taking place in mid-October. [Registration details here.](#)
- **RAPID COVID-19 TESTS:** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are teaming with Healgen to provide COVID IgM tests that will provide results in 10 minutes. Each test will cost \$12.00. Below are two forms with more information and details about how to order. Please contact us for more information.

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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