

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for October 28, 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:**

- The coronavirus pandemic set records in the United States this week, as a wave of new infections pushed the country's seven-day average of reported cases to its highest level ever. For the first time, the nation's rolling average — considered more reliable than fluctuating daily counts — topped 70,000.
- Hospitalization rates are also on the rise in almost all regions of the country. [More details from the Washington Post.](#)
- In our region, more than 330,000 cases of the coronavirus have been reported, and more than 8,000 have died from the virus. [See the full DC-area report in the Washington Post.](#)
- Healthcare leaders are bracing for a COVID-19 resurgence. Get the latest from the AHA Center for Health Innovation. [Full details can be found here.](#)
- The American Hospital Association unveiled a 'Wear a Mask' campaign, complete with a series of PSAs that hospitals around the country can use. [See the 'Wear a Mask' campaign webpage.](#)
- Details from the recent DCHA Patient Safety and Quality Summit that was held last week [can be viewed here.](#)
- This week the FDA announced it has approved the antiviral drug Veklury (remdesivir) for use in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older and weighing at least 40 kilograms (about 88 pounds) for the treatment of COVID-19 requiring hospitalization.
- The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases stopped a clinical trial testing a combination of Eli Lilly & Co.'s COVID-19 antibody drug and Gilead Sciences Inc.'s remdesivir as a treatment for hospitalized coronavirus patients after an independent review found a "lack of clinical benefit."
- Nearly 800,000 U.S. children have had COVID-19 this year, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, with children making up roughly 1 in 10 of the country's 8.4 million infections. Cases among children surged 14 percent Oct. 8-22, but hospitalizations and deaths have been rare. [Full story here.](#)
- HHS posted data on the completeness of hospitals' COVID-19 data reporting on Monday. [More details here.](#)
- Healthcare providers have seen an increase in Medicaid patients between February and June. Increases were roughly the same throughout the country. [Full details of the report here.](#)

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

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

- The National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) is addressing the challenge of securing the telehealth remote patient monitoring (RPM) ecosystem through collaborative efforts with industry and the information technology community, including vendors of cybersecurity solutions.
  - October 30, 2020, 9:00 a.m.**
  - Join Zoom Meeting
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82596174855?pwd=YTJ5N1Z3Y0Vjc2hSS3g5TzZLeW9vUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 825 9617 4855
  - Passcode: 882817
  - One tap mobile
  - +13017158592,,82596174855#,,,,,0#,,882817# US
- The AHA Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 4 p.m. ET will host a special live virtual event where AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack and Executive Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy Tom Nickels will break down the election results and what they may mean for health care. This event is for AHA members only. To register for the live virtual event, [please click here](#). After your registration is approved, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for accessing the event on Nov. 4.
- AHRQ ECHO Free webinar: Free training to prevent COVID-19 in Nursing Homes: Register here **for the October 29 event!**
- RAPID CPVID-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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