

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for November 4, 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:

- National elections took place yesterday and as we wait for final results, please take note in the Education, Learning, and Resources section below that there are several virtual events coming up that will attempt to predict how the election results will affect health care and health care organizations.
- Increased hospitalizations are straining local response efforts, as the United States passed the nine million COVID-19-case mark as reported by the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP). [Details in the story here.](#)
- The latest on COVID-19 cases in the DC metro area. [See updated information here.](#)
- Large healthcare organizations are adapting to the COVID crisis, in part, by looking for areas where they can innovate. The AHA Center for Health Innovation has [details on a new study they have initiated.](#)
- This week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an [important clarification](#) to its Oct. 22 [reporting requirements](#) or providers that received Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments.
- The AHA released a special bulletin dealing with preparation for preparation and distribution of COVID-19 therapeutic medications. [Read the special bulletin in full here.](#)
- In a related story, the Trump administration has taken steps to ensure that all Americans have access to a potential coronavirus vaccine at no cost when it becomes available. [Read the details from the CDC.](#)
- Under a new rule finalized this week, health insurers will have to post on the internet personalized out-of-pocket costs to patients. [Details on this new rule from Bloomberg.](#)

## Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- AHA Live Event: What the Election Results mean for Health Care: **Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 4:00pm. Register for the event here. (Note: for AHA Members only).**
- **Premier Webinar/Conference – Integrated Specialty Care Model:** Premier invites you to join us for a special webinar focused on how the Integrated Specialty Care Model, a new Premier care transformation and provider alignment model, can strengthen hospital-specialist relationships and drive improved quality and cost outcomes in the context of Maryland's payment model. **Friday, November 6, 2020, 3-4pm. Register for the event here.**
- **Premier Post Election Event:** Premier will also host a post-election virtual event to assess how the election might affect healthcare. This event will be on **Monday, November 9, 2020 at 1:00pm. Register for the event 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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