

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for December 2, 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:**

- A CDC advisory group has recommended that healthcare workers and nursing home residents be the first to get coronavirus vaccines. The first doses could be administered by the end of this month. [Full report from the Washington Post here.](#)
- There is hope that another COVID-19 relief bill may pass congress before in the next couple of weeks and that the bill will include relief money for hospitals and healthcare facilities. [CNBC is following the story daily.](#)
- This week the CDC is finalizing new quarantine guidelines for people who may have been exposed to the coronavirus, in the hopes that more people would adhere to a shorter quarantine period of seven to 10 days.
- The AHA this week released a video that highlights the challenges presented by COVID-19. You can [watch the video here.](#)
- In a joint statement the AHA, along with the American Medical Association and American Nurses Association, today affirmed their support for vaccines as a critical means for protecting individuals, communities and loved ones from COVID-19. Details and the letter [can be found here.](#)
- The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) announced that the fourth iteration of the Adaptive COVID-19 Treatment Trial has begun to enroll hospitalized adults with COVID-19 who require supplemental oxygen. [Details found here.](#)
- Officials in 38 states said they were concerned they won't have enough supplies to distribute and administer coronavirus vaccines, according to a report from the Government Accountability Office. [Full story from Bloomberg.](#)
- Scott Atlas resigned from the White House as a top coronavirus adviser to President Donald Trump. [More information here.](#)
- Five takeaways regarding the telehealth boom. [Read more here.](#)
- Finally, there are many organizations doing their part to help people during the pandemic – especially as we enter the holiday season. One such organization is based in Silver Spring and is providing food for needy families. [Watch the video from Congressman Jamie Raskin \(MD-8\) here.](#)

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

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

- **Fox 5 DC Story of Interest:** Roberts Oxygen, a local dry ice company and a Healthcare Council partner, is hoping to help

with the coronavirus vaccine storage effort. [Watch the segment here.](#)

- **How to Manage Burnout and Ensure Quality Care:** Link to a free webinar sponsored by Medical Solutions and Modern Healthcare [can be found here.](#)
- **Executive Briefing Series Virtual Conference:** Dixon, Hughes, Goodman LLP (a Healthcare Council partner) has a virtual series on **December 8 and 10** with the title “Addressing the Issues of Today; Building a Vision for Tomorrow.” Details on how to register [can be found here.](#)
- **2021 Virtual Virginia Patient Safety Summit:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Details to come, but those interested in sharing safety and quality improvement initiatives can [contact the summit 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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