HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for December 9, 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 FDA granted Emergency Use Authorization for the first time to a diagnostic test for at-home, self-collection of patient samples for the detection of COVID-19 and influenza A/B. The test comes from Quest Diagnostics. Details on the new decision.

➤ A new study finds certain vocabulary is more effective at getting the public to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. Here is the story from Axios.

➤ The AHA has a new feature called *The Snapshot* which looks at America's hospitals' capacity to provide care during COVID-19. This will certainly be a valuable source for hospital systems and administrators. Access The Snapshot here.

➤ How to help clinicians stay resilient during COVID-19. The latest report from the AHA Center for Health Innovation can be found here.

➤ The NIH is helping fund a tool that will help organizations plan for COVID-19 testing. The tool will help with budgeting and financial analysis. More on the tool here.

➤ President-elect Biden's health team is shaping up with key announcements coming out this week. Read more from Managed Healthcare Executive.

➤ President-elect Biden has also announced he will ask all American's to wear masks for the first 100 days of his presidency. More from his interview with CNN this week.

➤ Local radio station WTOP is keeping track of all COVID cases, hospitalizations, recoveries, and deaths in the region and is breaking them down by state. Access the WTOP data site.

Education, Learning, and Resources
A look at some of the upcoming meetings and webinars in the weeks ahead.

➤ Healthcare Council/ShareSource invites you to a scheduled Zoom meeting – **Artificial Intelligence and Digital Twins w/InCite Logix**
- Dec 11, 2020 08:00 AM
- Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83621629521?pwd=Nmp0YjV2aERzY0JVKzFJUExYS2xyZz09\
- **Meeting ID**: 836 2162 9521, **Passcode**: 143900
- YouTube video link https://youtu.be/aqPQUYlYvxE

➤ **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.

- ➢ **AHA COVID-19 update today!** The AHA will have a conference call today (December 9) at 3:15pm to provide important COVID-19 updates. [Details on the call can be found 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 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:
    - o [Maryland](#)
    - o [Virginia](#)
    - o [District of Columbia](#)
    - o [West Virginia](#)

- ➢ State Hospital Association information can be found at these websites:
    - o [Maryland Hospital Association](#)
    - o [Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association](#)
    - o [DC Hospital Association](#)
    - o [West Virginia Hospital Association](#)