

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Public health experts are cautiously optimistic that we are beginning to 'flatten the curve' nationally. But in the DMV we are still seeing daily increases and hospitals are seeing increases in admissions. The Healthcare Council will continue to provide updates and information for as long as needed. Websites that link to specific national and regional case data can be found at the end of this email. Meanwhile, please contact us directly if you have information you would like us to include in our updates. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



If you missed it, please watch our "Thank You" video to our region's healthcare workers. You can [download the video here](#) or watch the video on [YouTube by clicking here](#).



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- CMS has temporarily suspended a number of Medicare rules so that hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities can boost their front-line medical staffs. [See here for details](#).
- HHS is renewing its call to ALL hospitals to report data on daily testing, bed capacity and utilization. They aim to clarify the existing reporting process and outline new options for states, vendors and other third parties to report data on hospitals' behalf. [Read Secretary Azar's letter here](#).
- The Managed Healthcare Executives website takes a look at what [CFO's are working on during this crisis](#).
- They are also looking at how the crisis is affecting [the home health industry](#).
- Some new evidence suggested the coronavirus can be spread one to three days before symptoms are present. [Story from CNBC](#).
- DHG, one of the countries, largest public accounting firms, has some cash flow advice for medical and dental facilities. [Link to story](#).

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Cases in our region are on the rise and records are being set each day. The Washington Post [has a new graphic](#) with details for MD-DC-VA.
- Data as of Sunday night: 13,200 cases and more than 330 deaths in the region.
- DC Mayor Muriel Bowser told Fox News that the case peak in the District will likely be [sometime in June](#). This has big implications for business, including healthcare facilities.
- Maryland's COVID-19 webpage now allows you to look at coronavirus cases [by zip code](#).
- Cases are beginning to rise in local prisons. After an outbreak in a DC prison, a Fairfax facility has reported 3 cases and a Baltimore facility reported its first case over the weekend.

Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:

Contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways, we can help you get the supplies you need.

- **Supply Orders:** The Healthcare Council is continuing our efforts to help connect local hospitals with the products and supplies they need. If we can help your organization, let us know.

Education, Learning, and Resources

We will continue to look for ways we can help with education and learning needs as well as be a resource for the variety of needs you may have during this crisis:

- **HR Group Meeting Today:** The Healthcare Council will host another HR Division Zoom call today at 3:00pm. The link to join the call is
 - ◆ Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpwuf-2sqzwpbrgYJeORKH362TFsNdAr6A>
- **Dealing with COVID-19:** Staff and employees may be interested in this story about ways to deal with the stress of the coronavirus crisis. [Read story here.](#)
- **Leader Check-in:** Government, Healthcare, Religious, and Social leaders from around the country will be involved in 'Leader Check-in: Perspectives In the Pandemic' today from 8:00am to 3:00pm. [Find out more 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](#)
- [Morning Consult Resource Page](#)