

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Quite a few new updates from AHA, CMS, and the FDA in today's update. 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



Remember, 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:

- The AHA announced a new program, *Protecting People Everywhere*, based on a smart app that will match individuals and organizations donating PPE with local hospitals based on needs-criteria [Visit the Health-Equip Website](#).
- Another AHA initiative hopes to use a private-public partnership to help distribute ventilators to where they are most in need. [See announcement](#).
- AHA Board Chair gives her perspective on Telehealth's role in the coronavirus crisis. [Story here](#).
- The AHA has issued an Action Alert urging healthcare organizations to contact local members of Congress to push for more action regarding funding. [Read Action Alert](#).
- The AHA has developed a new resource for tracking and forecasting COVID-19 cases. [Details here](#).
- CMS issued new guidelines for Long-Term Care Facility (LTC) transfer scenarios. [See guidelines](#).
- The FDA has issued a second emergency use authorization regarding N95 masks. [New guidelines](#).
- The FDA has also cleared its first saliva based COVID-19 test. [Read more](#).

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

- Developments from regional case update (Tuesday evening): 17,800 cases and 530 fatalities. Tuesday saw a record 61 COVID-19 related deaths in the region.
- Hospitals in Prince George's county are seeing a spike in critically ill coronavirus patients. [Story in WaPo](#).
- Sunrise Senior living in McLean, VA announced 'several deaths' from COVID-19 and at least 20 more residents and 10 staff members have tested positive for the virus.
- A nice story involving the Washington Nationals: first-baseman Ryan Zimmerman has launched a fund with a gift of \$100,000 to help healthcare workers in the area. He made the announcement – via video chat – to a group of healthcare professionals working in the intensive care unit at Inova Fairfax Hospital. [See story](#).

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.
- **Warren Tank** has large, double wall tempo-tanks in stock if hospitals have a need during COVID-19. Two-2,000 gal tanks, one-4000 gal tank, and one-10,000 gal tank is available. Immediate installation this week and next week if an institution is in need. For more information contact Paul Warren at 301-372-6300.
- **Face Shields:** Michael Jaskulsky at Nations Photo Lab in Hunt Valley, MD has converted production to face shields and has immediate availability. Call 410-456-7699 or email michael.jaskulsky@nationsphotolab.com for details.
- **Recruitment:** Johns Hopkins and UMMS are working on the recruitment, contracting, and credentialing of temporary Physicians and Advanced Practitioners at the Alternate Care Site at the Baltimore Convention Center. Email ProvidersforCOVID19@jhmi.edu for details.

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:

- **Care Logistics**, one of the Healthcare Council's key partners, has released a webinar on the topic "Capacity and Flow Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Frontline Providers. Information You Can Use Now". [Access webinar here](#).
- **DHG Healthcare** is having a webinar on Thursday, April 16 from 3:30 – 4:30 pm on the topic "COVID-19: A Rapid Response for Healthcare Providers". [Register for the webinar here](#).
- **Lerch Early & Brewer** continue to provide legal services for hospitals and healthcare organizations. [Their latest legal update is 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:am 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](#)