

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Updates for April 17 are included below. Please pay particular attention to the Education, Learning, and Resources section which highlights three conference calls we will be hosting early next week. 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:

- An NIH study has validated decontamination methods for N95 respirator masks and has said such methods are safe for up to 3 uses. [Link to report](#).
- The CDC has released a report on the [first known case of COVID 19 being transmitted in a U.S. healthcare facility](#).
- The Washington Post [has a detailed report](#) on the thousands of healthcare workers getting sick from coronavirus.
- Up to 70% of senior and assisted living facilities in the U.S. do not feel prepared to take on additional COVID-19 patients due to limitations in their ability to access PPE. This according to a survey by our GPO partner, Premier, Inc.
- Gray market scams – particularly for PPE – are still a problem during this crisis. Here is a link [from our April 8 Update](#) with information on how to protect your organization.

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Regional case update (Tuesday evening): 20,000 cases and 750 fatalities. The caseload the MD-DC-VA region has doubled in one week.
- DC Mayor Muriel Bowser has extended the District's state of emergency [until May 15](#).
- Inova (Fairfax) has banned healthcare employees from wearing masks that they bring from home. [Story here](#).

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.
- **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 have three major Zoom conferences coming up next week:

- **HR Divisional Zoom Call:** Our weekly HR Divisional conference call will take place on **Monday, April 20 at 3:00pm** and will focus on continuing staffing needs in the region. Zoom meeting details:
 - ◆ <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpwuf-2sqzwpbrgYJeORKH362TFsNdAr6A>
- **CEO and CFO Zoom Call:** Meeting with Plexos Group, a company that specializes in FEMA and HUD reimbursement. Meeting is scheduled for **April 21 at 8:00a.m.** Zoom meeting details:
 - ◆ <https://zoom.us/j/99914601045?pwd=Y016NTFaWEExWS09wUUg5NThZY2IzUT09>
 - ◆ Meeting ID: 999 1460 1045 Password: 053838
- **Supply Chain Advisory Council Zoom Call:** The Healthcare Council and National Capital Area Shared Services will host a Zoom call for our Supply Chain Advisory Council on **April 21 at 12:00 noon EST.** The guest speaker will be Barbara Strain and she will speak on the topic: "Where are we, and where do we go from here?" Discuss key supply disruptions and how the region is coping during the COVID-19 pandemic. Zoom meeting details:
 - ◆ <https://zoom.us/j/563616495?pwd=VU1GdmRzWm9HMW83eIRCemVtdVJ0UT09>
 - ◆ Meeting ID: 563 616 495 Password: 814590
- **Managing Your Brand:** Morning Consult takes on the crisis from a new angle with a Special Report that provides resources for communications, marketing and insights executives navigating their brands during this difficult time. [Link to the Special Report](#)
- **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.](#)

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](#)

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