

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Regional updates for April 20 are included below. Please pay particular attention to the Education, Learning, and Resources section which highlights three conference calls we will be hosting this 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. Do not forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



Our "Thank You" video to our region's healthcare workers is still online. You can [download the video here](#) or watch the video on [YouTube by clicking here](#).



## **New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:**

- Pharma is having challenges during this crisis. Here is a report [on what they are going through](#).
- AHA and others have developed a [roadmap for safely resuming elective surgeries](#).
- Administration guidelines for opening up the economy may have an impact on hospitals. [Wall Street Journal story](#).
- With the Paycheck Protection Program now out of money, negotiations have begun to refund the program. One of the issues holding things up is money for hospitals, but on Friday House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said he would support pairing money for hospitals with funds for small businesses.
- The Administration has issued a new nursing home COVID-19 Transparency Effort. [Details from CMS](#).

## **Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:**

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Every state has now had a [coronavirus death](#). In our region cases through Sunday evening total more than 24,000 and confirmed deaths stand at 930.
- Sunday saw fewer cases than Saturday, a first in the region. Downward trends need to continue for 14 days before the region can begin Phase 1 "reopening".
- Governors around the country are worried about testing capacity. Governors in Maryland and Virginia were outspoken about the issues [on the Sunday talk shows](#).

## **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.

- **Supplies Delivered:** The Healthcare Council has been working to help area facilities get the supplies they need during this crisis. We are very pleased to announce that last week we saw the first deliveries of supplies, including: 400,000 isolation masks (the first delivery of 2 million) for 7 healthcare providers in the region; 24,200 KN95 masks (the first delivery of 550,600 for 3 healthcare providers); 12,000 isolation gowns to one hospital and 100 isolation mask for 1 surgery center. This week we anticipate a delivery of 30,000 isolation gowns to two health systems, 50,000 isolation gowns (the first delivery of 725,000) for 6 healthcare providers and another 84,000 KN95 masks for three healthcare

providers.

- **Supply Orders:** we continue our efforts to help connect local healthcare facilities with the products and supplies they need. If we can help your organization, let us know.
- **Test Kits:** Fidus SBG is offering Gene Finder COVID-19 Plus Real Amp Kit through OSANG Healthcare and MedActive is offering Logix Smart COVID-19 Test Kits through a partnership of Kahala Biosciences and Co-Diagnostics. For further information contact Les Pitton at [lpitton@healthcare-council.org](mailto:lpitton@healthcare-council.org).
- **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](mailto: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 today 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-2sqzwpbrgYJe0RKH362TFsNdAr6A>
- **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=Y016NTFaWExWS09wUUg5NThZY2IzUT09>
  - ◆ 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](#)

