

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Regional update for April 22. As always, 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



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:

- An agreement between the White House and the Senate was reached on a new relief package bill. The new deal will include \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion for disease testing. [Read the AHA statement on the relief package here.](#)
- Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday evening that only a small fraction of money designated for hospitals during the last relief package has actually been dispersed. [Story – subscription required but first part of story available.](#)
- NIH has issued new treatment guidelines for COVID-19. Access them at <https://covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/>.
- CMS has issued guidelines for non-urgent, non COVID-19 health care. [Guidelines here.](#)
- CMS also issued recommendations to re-open health care systems in areas with low incidence of COVID-19. [Details found here.](#)
- First hydroxychloroquine study results: a study among 368 male veterans with confirmed COVID-19 cases found that patients who received the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine alone or in combination with the antibiotic azithromycin did not benefit from the treatments, and there were more deaths among those who received hydroxychloroquine than those who received standard care. [Details on the study here.](#)
- The CDC Director warned that a “second wave” of the coronavirus in the fall and winter could be worse than the current crisis. [Story here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Cases are still rising in our area. The region now has more than 30,000 cases and more than 1100 deaths.
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan secured [500,000 COVID-19 tests from Korea](#). The tests are enough to supply one for every 12 state residents, making Maryland a state with one of the largest supply of tests in the country.
- WUSA Channel 9 has a report about long lines at Megamart food bank centers in areas around the region that are heavily populated with immigrants. Here is a link to the story about long lines at the [Megamart store in Takoma Park, MD.](#)
- Eighty-five residents and staff at a nursing home in Montgomery County have tested positive for COVID-19. The outbreak of the virus at Regency Care in Silver Spring is the largest known in the county and among the worst in Maryland.

- Inova is laying off hundreds because of the financial impact of this crisis. [BizJournal has 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.

- **Premier, Inc. Supply Analysis:** Results from a new study by Premier, Inc. (our GPO partner) found that isolation gowns surpassed N95 masks as the top personal protective equipment shortage concern among healthcare workers treating COVID-19 patients. Up from 56% last month, 74% of survey respondents said securing a reliable supply of isolation gowns was their top worry.
- **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.

Education, Learning, and Resources

We have three major Zoom conferences coming up next week:

- **Improving Performance During the Pandemic:** AHA Innovation has some thought on optimizing resources and improving performance [during this pandemic](#).
- **Webinar on New Technology:** Premier, Inc. will be showcasing new clinical surveillance and decision support technology in a webinar on May 5 at 2 p.m. ET. [Register here](#) to attend live or receive the recording.
- **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](#)