

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Regional update for April 24. 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:**

- CMS releases new blanket waivers for long term care hospitals.
- Trump administration releases [Tool Kit](#) to help states navigate health workforce challenges.
- HHS has offered a plan to help hospitals that [care for the uninsured](#).
- CMS has approved the first 1115(a) demonstration intended to combat the effects of COVID-19 in a state (Washington). [CMS report on the development](#).
- Doctors and specialists in New York have noticed cases where patients experience blood clots in different organs. [Details and response from American Society of Hematology reaction here](#).
- In New York, 88% of patients who went on a ventillator didn't survive. [Washington Post story](#).
- HHS has another data request [for hospitals](#).

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- On Thursday, the DC area saw an increase of 1850 new infections and 87 deaths, the biggest one-day jump to date. The region now has more than 31,000 cases and more than 1200 deaths.
- VA Governor Ralph Northam has extended the ban on elective surgery to May 1, 2020.
- Maryland detention facilities now have 180 confirmed cases.
- Nova Labs, a nonprofit based in Reston, VA, that provides space and resources to inventors and tinkerers, and George Washington University have teamed up to build an adapter needed to attach filters to Continuous Positive Airway Pressure machines used in ambulances.

## **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.** has created a Thank You video for clients. [Click here to watch video](#).
- **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](#)

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