

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Many areas that have been hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic are beginning to see declines in cases and deaths. At the same time, areas that have not been hit hard are starting to see some increases in cases. While some of this is almost certainly because the number of people being tested is rising, public health officials continue to warn that the virus is still a major threat to public health around the country. Below you will find some of the updates from over the weekend.



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

- The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved a new diagnostic tool that employs the revolutionary CRISPR gene-editing technology to determine if someone is infected with the coronavirus. [Story here.](#)
- The American Hospital Association reports that hospital jobs declined by nearly 135,000 across the nation in April. [Read more here.](#)
- The AHA reports another worrisome effect of the pandemic, the number of children [getting routine vaccinations is down.](#)
- In a sign that opening up business around the country safely may prove to be difficult, the White House announced that two staffers with close access to the President and Vice President have [contracted the coronavirus.](#) Dr. Fauci (NIH), Dr. Hahn (FDA) and Dr. Redfield (CDC) have all announced their intention to self-quarantine to some extent.

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- As of Sunday evening in our area, there are nearly 63,000 total cases with over 2800 deaths.
- Daily deaths in the region are still rising, though not as fast as they were last week. Death from coronavirus is a lagging indicator, and because overall cases are holding steady there is optimism that the region will soon begin to see a decrease in deaths and hospitalizations.

## **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.

- **Mask Distribution:** As part of an order the Healthcare Council was able to put together, the Goodwin House, a CCRC in Northern Virginia, spent time last Thursday distributing more than 700,000 isolation masks on behalf of 53 organizations, many of them nursing homes. Thank you!

## **Education, Learning, and Resources**

Updates and details below

- **HR Group Videoconference today at 3:00pm.** Please join us for a follow-up videoconference discussion concerning COVID-19 workforce needs at healthcare organizations across the metropolitan D.C. area (MD, DC, and VA). Discussion

moderation will be led by HR Division Chair, Mary Jo Schweickhardt. Please use the following information to access the videoconference meeting.

- ◆ <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?zEde-qpz0qHtcUkvnjrj25UUMhyud3H62tN>

- **HCNCA/NCASS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting with Plexos Group.** Due to expedited funding processes and limited resources, the federal government will not perform a detailed audit of your expenses until after funding has been provided. Expenses that are not eligible or properly documented may result in repayment of funding. In order to minimize recapture of these dollars, it is important to understand all federal requirements and retain required documentation related to the COVID event. Plexos Group has experts in all federal sources designated for COVID-19 funding who are currently helping clients expedite requests for assistance throughout the U.S. Meet the COVID-19 Team with decades of experience with HHS, FEMA, and HUD. Join the Zoom Meeting with the following link:
  - ◆ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88919276077?pwd=ZIRYcXA3ME11aFQwRnFlank0ZHpuQT09>

### **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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