

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find the Healthcare Council update for Monday, May 18. We hope you all have a terrific week.



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

- The American Hospital Association released two videos over the weekend. The first reinforces the value of being a member of the AHA ([see video here](#)) and the second is an advertisement that began running on the Sunday political talk shows ([see video here](#)).
- CMS released new information about their new requirements for nursing home reporting. The details [can be found here](#).
- **Remdesivir Reporting Deadline.** Today (May 18) is the deadline for submitting data to HHS to help inform the agency's distribution of its supply of remdesivir. [Details can be found here](#).
- On Friday the Trump Administration announced 'Operation Warp Speed' – an initiative to hasten the development of a COVID-19 vaccine. [Details found here](#).
- UnitedHealth Group Inc. said it will begin offering insurance plans in more states through the Affordable Care Act marketplace next year after pulling back its offerings from the markets years ago. [Details here](#).

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Cases in our region continue to rise even as some areas begin to reopen businesses. Total cases in the area now top 76,000 and total deaths are nearly 3400.
- In both Maryland and Virginia, decisions to re-open are largely being made at the county level. In the District, re-open plans are slower, but Mayor Bowser has given the OK for some pilot programs for re-opening in bookstores and other retail outlets in the city.
- DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's office released a video of the District's Alternate Care site at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. [See video here on YouTube](#).

## **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.

- Deliveries of critical equipment from orders purchased through the Healthcare Council continue to arrive at facilities each week. We are committed to continue our efforts to help area healthcare organizations in our area.

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

Updates and details below

- **AHA's Insider Briefings** is a resource to connect AHA Associate Program members to timely insider intelligence they can trust. Hear insights from hospital and health system leaders and noted AHA thought leaders on topics that matter the most to the field. [Link to AHA Associate Program](#).
- Premier's predictive technology helps prepare for resumption of elective procedures by identifying surges in COVID-19 cases and supply needs. [Access the tool here \(membership required\)](#).

**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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