

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find our COVID-19 update for May 20.



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

- CMS has issued guidance on Tuesday to ensure that states have plans in place to safely open nursing homes. Read the [press release here](#).
- CMS also issued guidance for Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) COVID-19 test pricing. [Link to the press release](#).
- Top executives from the largest children's hospitals wrote to the HHS to ask for more relief funding due to the coronavirus. Many of the hospitals are facing severe financial woes. [Read story here](#).
- The AHA is asking hospitals to contact local senators to urge them to support hospitals and health systems in the next COVID-19 relief package. [Details found here](#).
- This comes on the heels of the AHA report that suggests that losses at hospitals due to COVID-19 total more than \$200 billion. [Read the report from the AHA](#).
- COVID-19 is making faster bench to bedside a reality according to [a report from Premier, Inc](#).
- There is an interesting analysis of Maryland's 'All-Payer Model (MDAPM)', which exempted Maryland hospitals from Medicare's inpatient and outpatient prospective payment systems and shifted the state's hospital payment structure to an all-payer, annual global budget. [Report summary](#).
- The HHS deadline for hospitals to provide information about distribution of the drug remdesivir has been postponed. The deadline was originally scheduled for May 18. More information will come from the HHS on a new target deadline.
- A new study out of New Jersey shows that, in New York area hospitals, most elderly COVID-19 patients who were put on a ventilator did not survive. The study will continue to see if the same thing is true in other parts of the country. [Story here](#).
- Asian-American doctors and nurses are seeing increases in racist verbal and even physical abuse. [Story in the Washington Post](#).

## **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 81,000 and total deaths are more than 3500.
- Maryland will be increasing testing of people with no symptoms as they look to lift restrictions. [Story here](#).

## **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

- 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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