

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council is proud to serve the region's hospitals and healthcare facilities and we are proud of the work you are doing. Please find an update of important information and developments below.



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

- In a sign that there is still a ways to go to combat this pandemic, the WHO reported the highest single-day amount of COVID-19 cases on yesterday at 106,000.
- Kawasaki disease, which has been linked to illnesses in children who contract COVID-19, is now being seen with some higher frequency in young adults as well. Children's Hospital in Washington, DC says it has had [23 cases of the disease](#).
- The AHA has issued a [special report](#) on sources of financial support for healthcare providers during the COVID-19 crisis.
- One of the many issues facing states and healthcare organizations is how to manage Medicare spending during this crisis. [Premier, Inc. has a report](#).
- Here are five healthcare industry changes to watch in 2020. [See the list and analysis](#).
- HHS is providing \$225 million for increased testing in rural areas. This should help rural hospitals prepare in case there is a spike in patients who need to be admitted to the hospital. [See details from HHS](#).
- CDC Director Robert Redfield said the United States is likely to see a second spike in coronavirus cases this fall and winter, citing the current spread of COVID-19 in countries in the southern hemisphere. Redfield also said the United States will have to boost its disease-tracking methods quickly in the next few months to prevent another public health crisis paired with the influenza season.

## **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 85,000 and total deaths are more than 3600.
- Most of the local COVID-19 news centers around states and counties beginning to loosen stay-at-home orders.
  - ◆ Officials in Prince George's County (MD) and the District of Columbia announced that phased openings could begin before the end of the month. [Details of the announcements](#).
  - ◆ Anne Arundel County was way ahead of the curve when it comes to contact tracing. [Story in the Washington Post](#).

## **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.

- Delivery of critical equipment from orders purchased through the Healthcare Council continues 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

- **HR Regional Meeting:** Please join the Healthcare Council for our HR regional meeting on **Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00pm**. Kindly register for the meeting by emailing Chris Howard at [cnhoward@healthcare-council.org](mailto:cnhoward@healthcare-council.org) by 5:00pm today (Friday).
  - ◆ The Zoom link to the meeting is  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEde-gpz0qHtcUkvnjrj25UUMhyud3H62tN>

## **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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