

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The United States passed 100,000 COVID-19 related deaths this week. You are on the front lines each and every day and your dedication to the work you do is greatly appreciated. As we move from May to June, the Healthcare Council hopes your facilities are doing well and we repeat our pledge to help you in any way we can. Please find below some updates for May 29.



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- There is realization among healthcare providers that the PPE issue will not be going away just because COVID-19 cases are declining. With the threat of a “second wave” in the fall or winter, companies are working together to increase production of all types of PPE. [See details on PPE production.](#)
- How do healthcare providers best deal with pent-up demand for elective surgical procedures as they open their facilities? [Here are some thoughts on OR efficiency from Premier, Inc.](#)
- VCU Health in Virginia has created and shared step-by-step instructions for an innovation to disinfect and reuse up to 12,000 N95 masks per day. [See their system, complete with step-by-step instructions.](#)
- CMS released a Fact Sheet for state and local governments as it relates to CMS Programs & Payment for care in hospital alternate care sites. [Read the Fact Sheet here.](#)
- The Joint Commission will begin some survey and review activities in June. [Details here.](#)
- The CDC has updated its COVID-19 transmission website to clarify new information about how the virus is spread. [See updated information.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Deaths in our region have now surpassed 4,200 and total cases are nearing 100,000.
- There have been a total of 8,392 people hospitalized in Maryland since March 26 and 4,442 hospitalized in Virginia since April 13. D.C. does not report total COVID-19 hospitalizations.
- The District of Columbia saw 14 consecutive days of declining COVID cases and will begin Phase 1 reopening today. Phase 1 includes lifted restrictions on elective surgeries at hospitals in the District. [Read the Phase 1 Reopening Guidelines](#)
- Montgomery and Prince Georges are also beginning Phase 1 openings on Monday.

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.

Education, Learning, and Resources

Updates and details below

- The Center for Healthcare Innovation will be having a webinar on best practices of addressing COVID-19 disparities. To register for the webinar, [please click 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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