

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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June 12 COVID-19 updates below from the Healthcare Council



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

- The HHS announced the methodology for funds for hospitals serving high numbers of Medicaid and uninsured patients. [See the AHA announcement on the issue.](#)
- CMS has issued an alert regarding nursing homes that are seizing patients' economic impact payments (“stimulus check”), a practice that is illegal. [See the alert from CMS.](#)
- The United States has passed the 2 million mark for COVID-19 cases, just as experts say a second wave appears to be emerging in Arizona, California, Florida and Texas. [See story here.](#)
- Attorneys general from 46 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories are suing 26 drug makers over accusations of price fixing of generic medications. [Story from Reuters.](#)
- A nursing home's overall score in the CMS' star ratings doesn't mean a facility will be more likely to have COVID-19 cases or related deaths, according to a recent analysis.

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region surpassed 122,000 confirmed cases over the weekend and the total deaths are now approaching 5000.
- It is becoming easier to get tested in the DMV. [See more about testing here.](#)

## **Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:**

We are still working with many healthcare organizations to get PPE and other supplies. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need. Check back for news regarding supply issues for our region.

- **Roberts Oxygen** delivers in the clutch for Maryland hospitals and COVID-19 patients through FEMA contract. [Read the full story here.](#)

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

Updates and details below

- **Healthcare's Near- and Long-term future:** Experts are weighing in on the near- and long-term future of healthcare operations. [Read the analysis here.](#)
- **Managed Healthcare Executive Survey:** Managed Healthcare Executive would like hospital executives to take the following Pharma Survey. [Take the survey here.](#)

- **CMS Webinar:** CMS will host a webinar on June 30 at 1:00 pm titled “CMS's Final Rule for Office/Outpatient EM Services”. [Register here for the webinar.](#)

**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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