

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council continues to update our members with important new information about the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is our update for June 17.



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The HHS has issued a new FAQ site for questions relating to Emergency Relief Fund reporting. [See details here.](#)
- The Food and Drug Administration rescinded its emergency use authorization for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine as potential coronavirus treatments.
- Is the pandemic energizing hospital unions? [Modern Healthcare explores that question.](#)
- The Federal Reserve has proposed expanding Main Street lending program to nonprofits – including hospitals. [Read more here.](#)
- The President and CEO of the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council wrote an interesting blog post for the American Communities Project about how some Americans fear seeking medical attention during the COVID crisis. [Read the blog post here.](#)
- The AHA Center for Health Innovation says that shared risk may be the key to future growth opportunities. [Read details here.](#)
- The Washington Business Journal has the latest breakdown of PPP lending in the DMV. [Read the story here.](#)
- The NIH is launching a nationwide program to help collect COVID-19 patient data in order to speed up treatments. [Read more about this initiative.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region has surpassed 126,500 confirmed cases and the total deaths are now over 5000. But trends in the region are going in the right direction.
- New re-open guidelines have been issued by the DC Hospital Association. [Read the guidelines.](#)

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.

- **Supplies Through Roberts Oxygen:** Roberts Oxygen is the leading supplier of bulk liquid and medical gases for over 50 years. When you work with them, you can count on the best service every step of the way. They earn your trust by being responsive and exceeding expectations. Today, Roberts Oxygen, is recognized as the finest service oriented, independent distributor from Pennsylvania to Florida. Please contact NCASS for further information at 301-731-4700,

Debbie Johnson at 301-671-6063, or Crystal Raiford at 202-594-6189. [Read the full story here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

Updates and details below

- **Pharmacy Divisional Meeting – Friday, June 19, 2020 – 2 to 3 PM**
 - ◆ The discussion will focus on Pharmacy workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). All questions for discussion in this upcoming video conference should be sent to Christopher Howard (cnhoward@healthcare-council.org) by 5:00 pm EST, Wednesday, June 17, 2020. Discussion moderation will be led by Pharmacy Division Chair, JoAnn Neuffer.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89111526929?pwd=NHY4TTZzU01wL3ZSMC9rcFEwbVldldz09>
- **Physician Management Division Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 10 to 11 AM**
 - ◆ This virtual meeting will focus on Physician Management workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming video conference to Christopher Howard (cnhoward@healthcare-council.org) by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, June 19, 2020.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86354247979?wd=anplM0loU1g4eU5sWWEzWUxjQXZXdz09>
- **Supply Chain Advisory Council Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 12 noon to 2 PM**
 - ◆ The 3rd meeting for 2020 will be held as a zoom meeting June 23 from 12 noon to 1 PM. The meeting will focus on sharing best practices, lessons learned and future plans during this pandemic. (Link to come)
- **Patient Experience Division Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 2 to 3 PM**
 - ◆ A discussion concerning Patient Experience workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming videoconference to Christopher Howard (cnhoward@healthcare-council.org) by 5:00pm EST, Friday, June 19, 2020
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83919526768pwd=VEcwLzZlQjBzbmttQmMvUW9aZUp2Zz09>.
- **Young Professionals Division Virtual Meeting – Wednesday, June 24, 2020 – 2 to 3 PM**
 - ◆ A discussion concerning Young Professionals workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan D.C. area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming videoconference to Christopher Howard (cnhoward@healthcare-council.org) by 5:00pm EST, Monday, June 22, 2020.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84665520130?pwd=M0w5TnpIUUczKzl4eUx0STNOZlg2QT09>
- **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.](#)
- **AscellaHealth All-inclusive 2020 three-episode webinar series, “From Evolution to Revolution: How the Rise of Specialty Pharmacy Drove a New PBM Model”**
Webinar Series Platform Link <https://www.ascellahealth.com/events>
Webinar Series Registration Link: <https://www.bigmarker.com/communities/AscellaHealth/conferences>

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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