

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 19.



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLB) has some new research out on understanding the long term effects of COVID-19. [The report can be found here.](#)
- In a study comparing the genes of thousands of coronavirus patients in Europe, researchers found that those with Type A blood were more likely to have a severe case of the disease, while the severity was much less for those with Type O blood. [Read a report on the study.](#)
- Dexamethasone, a low-cost, widely available steroid drug used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, asthma and some cancers, reduced deaths by 35 percent in COVID-19 patients who needed to be on a ventilator and 20 percent in those who required oxygen but were not ventilated, according to British clinical trials announced Tuesday. [Details of this study here.](#)
- The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) is announcing that if you did not submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Direct Contracting Model, you now have the opportunity to do so for participation beginning in the first Performance Year. [Letter template can be found here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region continues to see declines in both cases and deaths and much of the region will be under Phase 2 opening by the end of this week or early next week.
- Dr. Anthony Fauci said Maryland has “done well” in its response to the coronavirus outbreak. [Details and story here.](#)
- 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

- **Care Logistics** has some information on how to manage hospital capacity during this crisis and after. [Read report here.](#)
- Managed Healthcare Executive looks at how the coronavirus has disproportionately affected African Americans. [Read report here.](#)
- **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=anplM0loU1g4eU5sWWEzWUxiQXZXdz09>
- **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/83919526768?pwd=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.](#)

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](#)

