

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find the Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for August 12, 2020.

We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our ShareSource (formerly NCASS) division. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need.



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

- The number known coronavirus cases in the greater Washington region surpassed 200,000 this week, even as health experts noted signs of optimism that the region might be plateauing after a recent surge of infections. COVID-19 numbers for the DC-MD-VA region.
- HHS has extended the application deadline extension for the Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, CHIP, and dental programs. [Plenty of details here.](#)
- CMS released their final report to Congress on Tuesday on the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring for pediatric populations with substance disorders. The report addressed issues that came about as a result of COVID-19. [More information here.](#)
- President Trump signed an executive order seeking to expand the use of virtual doctor visits. The order waives some of the regulatory barriers to video and phone calls. [More of the details here.](#)
- The President also signed an executive order to require the federal government to buy certain essential drugs and medical supplies manufactured in the United States in an effort to bolster domestic medical supplies and rely less on foreign companies.
- The NIH has started a randomized, controlled clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of a treatment regimen consisting of the antiviral remdesivir. [Details of the trial here.](#)
- On the vaccine front, a joint NIH-Moderna investigational COVID-19 vaccine showed promise in mouse studies. [Much more information here.](#)
- Finally, 'Pandemic Fatigue' can affect people in many ways and can also make it more difficult to contain the virus. This could have an impact on everything from schools opening to hospital ICU capabilities. [More on this story.](#)

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

A look at some of the upcoming meetings and webinars in the week ahead.

- **Thursday, August 13, 1:00PM.** National Geographic is hosting a conversation titled "Pandemics" featuring National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Director Anthony Fauci and Washington, D.C., Mayor Muriel Bowser at 1 p.m. ET on Thursday. [Registration details can be found here.](#)
- **Tuesday, August 18, 12:00 PM.** Takiya Reavis-Benjamin, Chairperson of The Healthcare Council's Patient Experience Division, shares an invitation to join other Patient Experience professionals to get ideas, thoughts, resources, and feedback as we all navigate the COVID-19 waters. The weekly virtual meeting series is sponsored by Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, GA.

**Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system. Weekly:**

[https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/meeting/tJEude6qrjovH9Bxl7WTo40lbf2e\\_Uq9gllw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCtrTktGN](https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/meeting/tJEude6qrjovH9Bxl7WTo40lbf2e_Uq9gllw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCtrTktGN)

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**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/j/95327201554?pwd=R2J6ZWNuWW9VMFJRZTRMS00wWEtGQT09>

NOTE: Meeting ID: 953 2720 1554

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Topic: PX Coffee, COVID and Convo: Touchbase

Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Tue, until Sep 15, 2020, 5 more occurrence(s)

Aug 25, 2020 12:00 PM

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**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](#)

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