

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for September 2, 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:**

- Total U.S. cases of the coronavirus passed 6 million this week, with the biggest rises coming in the mid-west. There are also more than 180,000 deaths due to the virus.
- Cases in the MD-DC-VA region are steady and/or declining. All told, the region has seen more than 244,000 cases and over 6,000 deaths.
- There is growing concern that the nation's public health agencies are also struggling during the pandemic. [Full story.](#) The AHA's September 1, 2020 newsletter has updates on a wide range for COVID-19 issues that relate to hospitals and healthcare organizations in general. [Full AHA newsletter.](#)
- An AHA Special Bulletin was also released focusing on new guidance for COVID-19 relief funds' cost reporting. [Special Bulletin information here.](#)
- A report on how specialists and private practices have taken a huge blow during this pandemic. [AHA Center for Health Innovation report in full.](#)
- The Department of Health and Human Services plans to spend more than \$250 million on a communications firm in an effort to share information about the pandemic. [Story and details.](#)
- A new study finds promise in the use of telehealth as a way to treat opioid use disorder. [Read full report.](#)
- Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Stephen Hahn said in an interview that his agency would consider authorizing a COVID-19 vaccine before phase 3 clinical trials are complete if officials think the benefit outweighs the risk. [Story from Financial Times.](#)
- Amazon is making its (somewhat quiet) entry into the field of healthcare and that could have implications for many in the healthcare field. [Full story here.](#)

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

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

- The Center for Healthcare Innovation has a (recorded) webinar that can be accessed by the public titled 'Disparities, Cardiovascular Disease, and Communities of Color'. [Access webinar here.](#)
- 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.

[https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/meeting/tJEude6qrjovH9BxI7WTo40lbf2e\\_Uq9gllw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCtrTktGNSUtRyDRowMA4joKOrziH5Ygvp\\_hDayNBRcNIP6NOQQN41KAYHX](https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/j/95327201554?pwd=R2J6ZWNUWW9VMFJRZTRMS00wWEtGQT09)

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/j/95327201554?pwd=R2J6ZWNUWW9VMFJRZTRMS00wWEtGQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 953 2720 1554     **PASSWORD IS** PTPX

**Topic:** PX Coffee, COVID and Convo: Touchbase

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

Every week on Tuesday until Sep 15, 2020, 2 more occurrences – September 8 and September 15

**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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