

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for September 23, 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:

- COVID-19 has had different consequences on the finances of payers vs. providers. [Managed Healthcare Executive takes a look in detail.](#)
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released a notice outlining reporting requirements for providers that received Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments. [PDF of the notice can be found here.](#)
- The AHA has launched a webpage and digital resources related to the distribution of a potential COVID-19 vaccine. [Read more about the AHA initiative.](#)
- Managed Healthcare Executive also has an analysis of 10 examples of how technology is helping combat COVID-19. Many affect hospitals and healthcare facilities directly. [More on the top-10 list here.](#)
- The Washington Post has a story examining why N-95 masks are still so hard to come by this far into the pandemic. [Story from Washington Post.](#)
- The District of Columbia has new criteria for Phase 3 opening. They are meeting some of those criteria but are falling short on others. [See more on this story.](#)
- CMS released information to help states, nursing facilities, and other providers better understand the sources of Medicare and Medicaid coverage and payment for COVID-19 testing, including a flow chart detailing testing coverage for nursing facility residents. [Details and flow chart here.](#)
- The Trump Administration is pointing to a report from the Coronavirus Commission on Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes to argue that its response to the pandemic in nursing homes was robust. [Read full report here.](#)
- President Trump publicly rebuked the Director of the CDC, Robert Redfield after Dr. Redfield questioned the White House timeline for the availability of a COVID-19 vaccine. [Full story here.](#)
- REPOST FROM LAST WEEK (WITH LINK): A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study is revealing the extent to which adults are bypassing medical care because of their COVID-19-related concerns. According to the authors, 41% of U.S. adults delayed or avoided medical care as of June 30. This includes urgent or emergency care (12%) and routine care (32%). [Link to study.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- 3rd Patient Safety and Quality Summit: Register now for this conference, sponsored by the DCHA and taking place in mid-

October. [Registration details here.](#)

- RAPID COVID-19 TESTS: The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are teaming with Healgen to provide COVID IgM tests that will provide results in 10 minutes. Each test will cost \$12.00. Attached are two forms with more information and details about how to order. Please contact us for more information.
- 82,000 reusable level 2 isolation gowns with carbon available now in Baltimore through Intralin Corp.
- 2,000 KN95 masks are available at ShareSource office.

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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