

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for September 9, 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 federal government has sent notice to all 50 states and 5 large cities to be prepared for a coronavirus vaccine to be ready to distribute by Nov. 1, 2020. [Full story here.](#)
- Meanwhile, Dr. Anthony Fauci said on Tuesday that a vaccine by Election Day was 'unlikely.' [Full story from CNBC.](#) On a related topic, in a rare joint statement, the chief executives of nine drug companies pledged not to seek approval for their coronavirus vaccine candidates unless Phase 3 clinical trials showed they were safe and effective. [More on story here.](#)
- The LTCH COVID-19 PR Tip Sheet is now available. The purpose of this Tip Sheet is to help providers understand CMS' public reporting strategy for the PAC QRP in the midst of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). [Details from CMS.](#)
- Major hospitals across the country are weighing whether to ignore a controversial federal authorization to treat hospitalized coronavirus patients with convalescent plasma in favor of joining a clinical trial that would give a more definitive picture of its effectiveness against COVID-19. [Story from Kaiser Health News.](#)
- The World Health Organization said it strongly recommends doctors use inexpensive, widely accessible steroids to treat the sickest COVID-19 patients, after multiple clinical trials from around the world showed they saved lives, including one review showing a class of anti-inflammatory drugs called corticosteroids reduced deaths by 20 percent among critically ill patients. [More on the story here.](#)
- The Trump administration plans to publish the names of hospitals with data missing from a federal COVID-19 tracking program, claiming many have been inconsistently reporting data on daily coronavirus patients, available beds and other measures and warning facilities that don't report this information that they risk losing Medicare and Medicaid payment under new rules. [Full story from Wall Street Journal.](#)
- According to a draft framework released by the National Academies for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine, front-line health workers and first responders would be among the very first to receive a potential vaccine. [Full National Academies draft framework here.](#)
- A Harris Poll of 2000 adults found that, when it comes to providing accurate information regarding the development of a COVID-19 vaccine, Americans find hospitals more trustworthy than federal agencies like the FDA or CDC. [Full poll results here.](#)
- The AHA President and CEO Rick Pollack has issued a News Bulletin to address narratives that are emerging in some media outlets regarding the death count for COVID-19 patients. [Read Pollack's full statement here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- **RAPID CPVID-19 TESTS:** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are teaming with a distributor for Healgen to provide COVID IgG/IgM antibodies 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.
- 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/tJEude6qrjovH9BxI7WTo40Ibf2e_Uq9gllw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCtrTktGNSUtRyDRowMA4joKORziH5Ygvp_hDayNBRcNIP6NOQQN41KAYHX

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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

Topic: PX Coffee, COVID and Convo: Touchbase

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

Every week on Tuesday until Sep 15, 2020, 1 more occurrence – 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](#)