

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Have a look at our weekly update on issues related to COVID-19 and how it affects the field of health care. We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our [ShareSource](#) division. Please contact us directly at 301-731-4700 if there are ways in which we can help you get the supplies you need.



Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates

- President Joe Biden will announce today that all U.S. adults should be made eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine by April 19, nearly two weeks earlier than the original May 1 deadline.
- Starting on Friday, District landmark Arena Stage, in partnership with DC Health and MedStar Health, will launch a large-scale vaccination site for eligible District residents. The site will operate Thursdays through Sundays, from 9 am to 5 pm, and mark the first and only high capacity site located in Southwest D.C. Like the other three large-scale sites, the new Arena Stage location will likely offer the one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine.
- Alexandria Health Department (AHD) is now scheduling vaccine appointments for frontline essential workers in Phase 1c. [More information found here.](#)
- Beginning this week, frontline essential workers who live or work in the Fairfax Health District can also sign-up for vaccines. [More details here.](#)
- Maryland has identified at least seven variants of COVID-19 circulating through the state, and Gov. Larry Hogan says he is “increasingly concerned” about them. [NBC Washington News has the story.](#)
- How can healthcare organizations create team spirit in the wake of COVID-19? [Some interesting ideas \(and a podcast\) on the topic here.](#)
- The AHA released a new video, webinar, and infographic as part of their effort to help hospitals and health systems guide patients toward acceptance of the COVID-19 vaccines. [See more here.](#)
- Frustration and long lines in Hagerstown, MD on the first day of walk-up vaccines. [Washington Post has the story here.](#)
- J&J is testing its COVID-19 vaccine in pregnant women and adolescents aged 12 to 17, joining Moderna Inc. and Pfizer Inc. - BioNTech SE in studying how well the

shots work among younger people. [More here.](#)

- CMS issued information about repayment of COVID-19 accelerated and advance payments. If you requested these payments, learn how and when we'll recoup them: [Read more here.](#)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) may request lump sum payments for administering COVID-19 vaccines in advance of cost report settlement. CMS will pay you for COVID-19 vaccines and administration at 100% reasonable cost like influenza and pneumonia vaccines. Contact your Medicare Administrative Contractor for more information.

Education, Learning, and Resources

- [TriBridge Partners](#), will be presenting a special webinar on April 13, 2021 at 3 pm: TriBridge Partners is a firm of specialists in Employee Benefits, Individual Insurance and Financial Planning, and Business Enterprise Planning. In this presentation, TriBridge Partners will discuss their new HR Benefits Platform, [Fringe](#). [You can register here.](#)
- **2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference: July 22-24, 2021, Nashville, TN.** The 2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference will feature senior health care executives, clinicians and experts in the field presenting high level, transformational strategies and innovative approaches for achieving financial sustainability while delivering greater value through operational excellence, creative partnerships, and redefined delivery models. Special attention will be paid to the strategies and practices that enable health care leaders to remain resilient and respond successfully in periods of sustained crisis. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Medical Solutions can help with your efforts to meet the staffing demands caused by vaccine administration.** With the approval and roll out of new vaccines, [Medical Solutions](#) is prepared to help you staff both clinical and non-clinical roles for administering vaccines. They can help you address the surge in demand for the professionals needed at every step of the vaccination process:
 - Vaccinators
 - Clinical Team Leads
 - Nursing Assistants
 - Medical Directors
 - Greeters
 - Schedulers
 - Contact Tracing Specialists

Contact Medical Solutions to conduct a needs assessment for your vaccination site and determine how they can best address your urgent staffing challenges.

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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](#)

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- 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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