

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The weekly COVID-19 Update highlights stories and information that might be of interest to healthcare organizations in the DC/MD/VA region. We offer this as a service to our members and other interested parties.



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

- Good news for the healthcare industry: The CDC released data from a new report that shows that the COVID-19 vaccines have a 94% effectiveness rate among fully vaccinated healthcare workers. [HPN has more here.](#)
- A new report indicates that the COVID-19 vaccines may not be effective in people with certain underlying conditions, including some blood cancers and those with organ transplants. [See more from The Washington Post here.](#)
- The D.C. government announced on Tuesday that it is launching a new Mental Health Emergency Health Dispatch pilot program. [More on this here.](#)
- In a related story, CMS data shows that vulnerable Americans are foregoing mental care during the pandemic. Interesting details in the story. [Read more here.](#)
- D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser released the May 17 ['Situational Awareness' document](#), which highlights the latest data and information from the D.C. government.
- Women are abandoning healthcare jobs, citing burnout and decades of inequities in a system that was never designed to support them. The COVID-19 hasn't helped. [\(Subscription may be required - Modern Healthcare\)](#) or [free version from 19th News here.](#)
- The University of Michigan released findings of a new study that links severe COVID-19 illness to higher prevalence of severe long-term symptoms. [More here.](#)
- Mask mandates are easing around the region, meaning more and more business and organizations can operate with more capacity. [Read more here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Meditation and Self-care Workshop: Tomorrow, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM:** There is still time to join us by registering for this special one-hour online meditation and self-care workshop in honor of our 75th Anniversary celebration kick-off. We are pleased to be featuring our member [Primary Care Coalition](#) and two of their behavioral health experts for this very pertinent offering which will include topics covering: information on stress and burnout, with special attention to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic; introduction to the concept and benefits of mindfulness; interactive Mindfulness practices; and a Q & A session. [Register here.](#)
- **Solutions Corner Webinar: Quest Diagnostics: “New Strategic Partnerships in the Hospital Lab”:** Tuesday, May 25, 2021, 3 pm: Quest offers a compelling solution: **Laboratory Management Services that can be configured to meet your needs and the needs of your medical staff.** Placing on-site laboratory operations under Quest management allows your team to focus on your core competency — delivering care — without sacrificing the autonomy and responsiveness of an onsite laboratory. [Register here.](#)

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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