

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Please 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

- The DC-MD-VA region has now reported more than 1 million coronavirus cases since the pandemic began a year ago. [Read Washington Post story here.](#)
- A new data study is showing the real cost the COVID-19 pandemic has had on Maryland hospitals. [Read the full report here.](#)
- The DCHA is reporting that, beginning, March 15, 2021, The Joint Commission will be returning to usual procedures prior to the pandemic. Organizations will no longer be receiving a phone call or email from their Account Executive when it has been determined the area is low risk for their accreditation survey team to visit.
- Maryland announced it plans to prioritize vaccines for health departments that quickly administer doses. [Washington Post story here.](#)
- The NIH has halted trial of COVID-19 convalescent plasma in emergency department patients with mild symptoms citing that, though the treatment is safe, it provides no benefit for this group of patients. [NIH news release.](#)
- The AHA is continuing to urge members to contact their Senators to urge them to support hospitals and health systems in the COVID-19 relief bill. [Read the full AHA Action Alert here.](#)
- A research team funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a study to assess performance and usability of a smartphone app paired with the Qidel QuickVue At-Home COVID-19 Test, which just received an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use with a prescription. [More from HPN found here.](#)
- Less than three months after initial vaccine approval, and as concerns grow that new coronavirus variants could blunt the protective effects of vaccines, [Pfizer](#) and [BionTech](#) have plans to test a third booster shot as well as update their original vaccine. [The New York Times has full story here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- **Population Health Divisional Meeting in conjunction with CareClix: March 10, 2021 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:** Please join The Healthcare Council for an insightful discussion on population health data management and technology solutions presented by [CareClix](#). [Register here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **Tryon Clear View Group Webinar: March 18, 2021 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm:** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are excited to bring to you a special presentation by our endorsed partner, [Tryon Clear View Group](#). COVID-19 has impacted health systems financially around the world and it is more important than ever to try and find ways in which to reduce costs. Tryon Clear View Group provides innovative solutions for sustainable cost reduction in areas including telecom, managed print, waste, document storage, equipment maintenance, mailing equipment, and utilities. [Register in advance here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **AHA:** A peer-to-peer community of health care professionals dedicated to helping hospitals and health systems recover, rebuild and reimagine health care. Learning together for today, tomorrow and the future of health care. Join the Living Learning Network, a peer-to-peer community of health care professionals helping hospitals and health systems recover and reimagine health care during #COVID19 and beyond. [To take part, sign-up 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](#).
- **On Feb. 4, the AMA held a webinar in the Emerging Topics in Professional Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability Series:** "Rethinking wellness: COVID-19 and the search for meaning." The COVID-19 pandemic provides a unique opportunity for health systems to rethink their perspectives on well-being, including reimagining this commitment as a core institutional value. In this Emerging Topics webinar, Bryant Adibe, MD, system vice president and chief wellness officer, Rush University System for Health in Chicago, leads an interactive discussion about wellness, community and our common search for meaning. [Watch the recorded webinar 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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