

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

- DC has announced that residents can pick up At-Home COVID-19 tests! [Find out more here.](#)
- Somewhat appropriately, April 24-30 is World Immunization Week. Let us know if your organization is doing anything to recognize the event and we'll help spread the word. [More here.](#)
- Have you ever wondered what the 'Holy Grail' of value-based care is – particularly in the COVID-era? The University of Pennsylvania's Leonard Davis Institute has -- and they have outlined some of their ideas. [Read more here.](#)
- We missed this important story last week, and you may have too. A recent KFF/Washington Post Frontline Health Care Workers Survey, explores the coronavirus pandemic through the lens of a frontline health care worker in the U.S. The results are interesting for any organization involved in healthcare. [Results found here.](#)
- The DC/MD/VA region fares well when it comes to the percentage of people 65 and over that have received at least one vaccine dose. [See more here.](#)
- Is your organization embracing remote care? A new white-paper (ebook) explores the issue in some detail. [Get it here.](#)
- The CDC plans to spend \$1.7 billion to bolster their ability to monitor and track emerging disease threats – including SARS-CoV-2 variants using genomic sequencing. [Learn more here.](#)
- As President Biden pushes a new bill that focuses on jobs and infrastructure, several questions are emerging. One of them is this: Does healthcare count as infrastructure? [More from Morning Consult here.](#)
- The AHA had a discussion with Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) about COVID, rural health, and equity. [You can watch the video here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Tonight! Live AHA and Black Coalition Against COVID Discussion of Rural Communities' Vaccination Challenges: April 21, 2021 - 7 pm:** The AHA and Black Coalition against COVID will host a town hall on enhancing the opportunities for rural health care providers, public health organizations and rural health advocates as they advance COVID-19 prevention guidance, vaccine acceptance and vaccine administration. The event will feature senior leadership from the White House, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a variety of nationally recognized experts including, including AHA Board Chair Rod Hochman, M.D., CEO of Providence in Renton, Wash., and Francine Witt, DNP, president and CEO of Effingham Health System in Springfield, Ga. Watch live on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).
- **Join DC Health for PDMP Lunch & Learn: April 23, 2021 - 12 pm | Mandatory Query Amendment Webinar:** Each moment spent in front of a computer is time that could have been spent with a patient. Join the webinar to learn how you can improve access and use of PDMP data by quickly accessing it in your clinical workflow. A goal of the DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is to share data with health care providers, prescribers and pharmacists to improve their ability to identify and reduce diversion of prescription drugs while not impeding the appropriate medical utilization of controlled substances. DC Health covers the cost of PDMP-EHR integration in an effort to help local health care providers. Participants will learn how to access the PDMP in the EHR and easily comply with mandatory query requirements. Integrating the DC PDMP into your EHR will allow you to access the PDMP data in one click, saving up to four minutes for each patient encounter. [Register for the event here.](#)
- **Join us for our Virtual Pharmacy Divisional Meeting: April 28, 2021 - 12 pm:** Guest speaker, [Todd Barrett, RPh](#), will present on the Drug Quality and Security Act of 2013. Todd serves as the CEO of [T1](#), a healthcare provider specializing in telehealth as a tool to improve healthcare and patient outcomes. He is also the President of [Providence Health Technologies](#) (PHT), a company specializing in the development of technologies to foster integration and build access to medications at low cost. Register [here](#).
- **DCHA & MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Serve On Future of Health Care Panel - May 6:** DCHA's President & CEO Jacqueline D. Bowens and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's President Michael Sachtleben will serve as panelists for the Washington Business Journal's Future of Health Care event on May 6. The event will focus on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Greater Washington, including the latest regarding the pandemic and the potential return to work. [Event details found 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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