

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

- A new study by the Kaiser Family Foundation asks the following question: which states are reaching their COVID-19 vaccine tipping points? Find the answers (and where states in our region rank) [here](#).
- The District of Columbia Government released a 'Situational Update' document on May 10 that addresses how to best move forward as COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift. The document is very helpful for individuals, groups, businesses, and healthcare organizations. [Document found here](#).
- Healthcare discrepancies are an issue, not only in our region, but around the country. In partnership with Johnson & Johnson, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has launched a '[Quickfire Challenge](#)' aimed at addressing the issue head-on. Up to \$250,000 is available to organizations who present innovative strategies and solutions to the discrepancy issues that exist.
- HHS is planning to open up billions of dollars in hospital COVID-19 grants in the coming weeks. [Read more here](#).
- [AHA Action Alert](#): the AHA is urging members to sign on to a 'Dear Colleague' letter addressed to the U.S. House urging HHS to take a number of actions related to the COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund.
- The variant of the coronavirus first detected in India, which is believed to be driving the explosion of cases there, has now been found in 49 countries, [according to the World Health Organization](#). [Washington Post has more here](#).
- The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association is celebrating Hospital Week (May 9-15) by highlighting the impact Virginia hospitals have had on their communities. [See more here](#).

- Maker of latest experimental vaccine will not seek authorization until July at the earliest. [Read more here.](#)
- Premier, Inc has launched a one-stop resource repository dedicated to combating vaccine hesitancy. [More here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **2021 STATE of REFORM Maryland Health Policy Conference: May 13, 2021:** The Healthcare Council is proud to be a sponsor of the Maryland State of Reform Health Policy Conference and we have a limited number of complimentary registration slots. Please use the code **HC4** to obtain your free entry. First come first serve. Contact us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org for partial discounts if complimentary registration is full. [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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