

# 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

- **Bloomberg global vaccine tracker.** Some very interesting information about how the U.S. is doing compared to other countries. There is also a state-by-state map. [Check here.](#)
- **Pre-pandemic surge capacity at hospitals:** A University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine-led survey of dozens of surge capacity managers at hospitals nationwide captures the U.S. healthcare system's pandemic preparedness status in the months before the first COVID-19 cases were identified. [HPN has full story here.](#)
- **4 crisis management steps to reduce supply disruption:** COVID-19 underscored the global health care supply chain's fragile nature. Here are some suggestions to strengthen your supply chain from the AHA Center for Health Innovation. [Read more here.](#)
- **Treating COVID patients before they are ill?** [Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.](#) said its COVID-19 antibody drug curbed the risk of COVID-19 hospitalization or death by about 70 percent in a late-stage clinical trial, offering the strongest evidence yet that the medicine can help treat patients before they're severely ill. [WSJ has the story.](#)
- **New HHS guidance for hospitals and COVID:** On March 19, HHS updated its guidance to hospitals on the reporting of COVID-19- related data. [Read more here.](#)
- **What will determine patient experience results in 2021?** Recent surveys say it's all about telehealth. [Read a full report at Managed Healthcare Executive.](#)
- **Speaking of telehealth – make room for Amazon:** Amazon.com Inc. said it will offer Amazon Care, the telehealth program it launched in Seattle in 2019, nationwide and to other companies beginning this summer. [WSJ has the story.](#)
- **Will the COVID-19 lead to more cancer illness and/or deaths?** Cancer experts and clinicians fear a subtle, slow-motion effect of the pandemic: more cancer-related illness and death for years to come as a consequence of people not being screened and treatment being delayed. [Read more here.](#)

- **Income was up in 2020 for some health care executives:** Executives at major health care companies raked in higher levels of income in 2020, largely because their stock rose in value during the pandemic, according to [new filings](#).

## Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Trends in Virtual Care and Population Health – Powered By [CareClix](#), Tomorrow, March 25, 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource invite you to [register](#) and participate in tomorrow's virtual divisional education meeting reviewing the trends at the intersection of virtual care and population health. Our endorsed partner, CareClix will explore the areas where mHealth, telehealth, and digital are positively impacting access to care, patient engagement, and care quality. Topics include:
  - Tech Acceleration During Covid-19
  - The Value In Virtual
  - Quality - Quadruple Aim
  - Engagement - Digital and User Experience
  - What's Next
- **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](#)
- 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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