

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.



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Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates

- A new rule being proposed by CMS would require hospitals to report vaccination rates among healthcare staff. [Read more here.](#)
- On Monday the **District of Columbia** released a set of [guidelines](#) to conserve the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) by health care personnel when providing care to patients/residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Prince George's County (MD)** is using local healthcare organizations to launch a variety of efforts to reach those not yet vaccinated. [Find out more here.](#)
- **The Montgomery County (MD)** government is putting \$500,000 toward a global pandemic center they hope will be located in the county. Spearheaded by the regional nonprofit [Connected DMV](#), the center would involve scientists and policymakers from across the globe but operate primarily from the D.C. region. [More from the Washington Post here.](#)
- According to a recent [CDC assessment](#), fully vaccinated people 65 years of age and older were 94% less likely to be hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 than those of the same age who were not hospitalized.
- HHS has launched a new [reimbursement program](#) for COVID-19 vaccine administration fees not covered by insurance.
- Patients hospitalized with COVID-19 may be at risk of developing heart failure even if they do not have a previous history of heart disease or cardiovascular risk factors, a new Mount Sinai study shows, reported the health system. [HPN has more here.](#)
- Children now account for nearly a quarter of all new COVID-19 cases. NPR looks into why. [Find out more here.](#)

- The NIH will invest nearly \$30 million over the next few years to address COVID-19 disparities. This could impact rural hospitals and healthcare organizations in our region. [Read more here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **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.](#)
- **Upwardly Global presents 'Internationally-Trained Immigrant and Refugee Professionals are a Vital way to Build a Diverse Healthcare Workforce and Deliver Equitable Care': Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 3:00 – 4:00 pm:** Geared towards employers seeking to build diverse and inclusive teams, this webinar will provide an exciting chance to learn about the value of immigrants and refugees in the healthcare workforce. [UpGlo](#) Vice President Jennie Murray and [NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital](#) Director of Talent Acquisition, Elyse Zlotnikov will discuss their new partnership to incorporate diverse talent. We hope you can join us! Register [here.](#)
- **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.](#)

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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