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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

- The state of Maryland hit the key benchmark of 70% of adults having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. [More here.](#)
- Overall, the entire DC region (DC/MD/VA) is doing better than the national average in terms of the number of people getting vaccines. [Washington Post has more here.](#)
- Exclusive: Covid led to brain injuries. [ICE Neurosystems](#), a D.C. startup, is inking deals with organizations including MedStar Health and Inova Health System to tackle the issue. [WBJ subscription required.](#)
- In a story that may impact hospitals all across the country, a group of employees at Houston Methodist Hospital are suing over the hospital's vaccine mandate. [Reuters has more here.](#)
- A federal commission, meanwhile, has determined that employer-mandated vaccines are legal. [More on this here.](#)
- The National Consumer Voice has a [document](#) out that examines the new CMS visitation guidelines for nursing homes.
- The NIH is starting a new trial that will examine the effects of mixed COVID-19 vaccines. In the [trial](#), adult volunteers who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will receive booster doses of different COVID-19 vaccines to determine the safety and immunogenicity of mixed boosted regimens.
- Researchers have found no reason to alter the current blood donor screening practices that are in place during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read more here.](#)
- The number of new cancer diagnoses in the U.S. plummeted by 50% last year

during the months after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are reasons to explain this and Managed Healthcare Executive digs into them. [More on this here.](#)

- HHS announced it will add \$4.8 billion to help continue reimbursing healthcare providers for testing uninsured individuals for COVID-19. [HPN has the story here.](#)
- The pandemic has boosted home care for serious illness. What could that mean for your organization? [Find out more here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Re-thinking Mental Health: How Businesses Can Support Working Parents: June 3, 2021, 2-3:30 pm:** Join our member [HCAM](#) for the final session of their Speaker Series on Re-thinking Mental Health, moderated by their CEO, Traci Kodek. The June 3 conversation will be about the mental health and well-being of parents and caregivers. Hear from Larry Lopez, Jill Smokler, and Delegate Brooke Lierman about best practices and policies for supporting parents at work. [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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