

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Our weekly update on issues related to COVID-19 and how it affects the field of health care.

We work with local organization to help with supply needs through our Share Source division. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need.



Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- HHS has launched a web-based COVID-19 outpatient treatment locator to assist healthcare providers and patients in finding potential locations for treatment with monoclonal antibody therapeutics. [More details here.](#)
- HHS also announced \$22 million in funding to help support testing and vaccine distribution. [More information can be found here.](#)
- Some of the major companies that are planning to enter the health care market have been adjusting to the COVID pandemic. [Report from the AHA Center for Healthcare Innovation.](#)
- The Trump administration launched new COVID vaccine guidelines on Tuesday. [New guidelines details can be found here.](#)
- AHA Special Bulletin: HHS is asking for hospital data on COVID-19 vaccinations for health care personnel and patients. [Read full bulletin here.](#)
- The FDA has warned health care workers not to alter the vaccine dosing regimes. [Read more about FDA guidelines.](#)
- A poll conducted by Morning Consult shows significant frustration among the public regarding the roll-out of the COVID vaccine. What could that mean for healthcare organizations? [More on the Morning Consult poll.](#)
- Public health officials also have concerns about the vaccine roll-out. [Read more details here.](#)
- The FDA has released an alert to Health care providers and clinical lab staff regarding mutation of the COVID-19 virus. [Full alert can be found here.](#)
- An AHA Special Bulletin how to care for patients with limited resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Read the full Special Bulletin.](#)
- The COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer Inc. and BioNTech SE appears effective against new variants of the virus that have sprung up in the United Kingdom and South Africa, according to researchers at the University of Texas Medical Branch. [Full story here.](#)
- Immunity to COVID-19 usually lasts at least eight months after infection and could last much longer, according to a new study in the journal Science that found 90 percent of people who recovered had relatively stable immunity that extended beyond antibodies. [Full report here.](#)
- The Washington Post has compiled a state-by-state tracking of vaccine distribution. Check here frequently to see where our region stacks up. [Link to WaPo vaccine tracking page.](#)
- Finally, HRSA (Health Resources and Service Administration) has a very interesting and details info-graphic that is a 2020

'year in review.' [View the '2020 Year in Review Infographic' here.](#)

- The American Hospital Association released a statement on the tragic events at the U.S. Capitol last week. [Read full statement here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources:

A look at some of the upcoming meetings and webinars in the weeks ahead:

- **Healthcare Council/Share Source Supply Chain 1st Quarter Meeting: join us on January 19, 2021 at 12:00pm.** The main topic will be Succession Planning & Talent Acquisition for Supply Chain with Alan Edwards serving as moderator. Zoom info below:
 - Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88225688805?pwd=YnNleVYyRklyd3BEaVpPL1RBdlpLZz09>
Meeting ID: 882 2568 8805 Passcode: 863310
- **2021 Virtual Virginia Patient Safety Summit: Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Details to come, but those interest in sharing safety and quality improvement initiatives can [contact the summitt organizers 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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