

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council would like to wish all of our members a Happy New Year! 2020 was a year we will never forget. Though it will be remembered for many of the hardships brought about by the coronavirus pandemic, it will also be the year we forever associate with the tireless and dedicated work of healthcare employees around the region, the country, and the world. So, before we look toward brighter days in 2021, the Healthcare Council would once again like to express our heartfelt thanks for everything you do!



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 we can help you get the supplies you need.



## **Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:**

- The week the United States surpassed 350,000 COVID-19 deaths yesterday, with the country nearing or exceeding 200,000 reported cases for the sixth consecutive day. President Donald Trump claimed the country's infection and death counts are "far exaggerated," clashing with federal health officials, including Surgeon General Jerome Adams and Fauci, who described the toll as "real" and warned that infections and deaths are likely to rise following the holidays.
- Vaccines are being rolled-out across the country, but in some areas they are sitting idly at hospitals and local government officials are not happy about it. [Full story here.](#)
- In Maryland, Governor Hogan said the government will withhold future vaccines from hospitals that are slow to deliver the vaccines they have. [See full story.](#)
- The Washington Post is devoting significant resources to tracking the vaccine rollout in the DMV region. Go to WashPost story on vaccine rollout.
- The government of the District of Columbia has set up vaccine website which focuses on prioritization and distribution. [DC's COVID-19 Vaccine Website.](#)
- The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association released a video with details about vaccine prioritization in the state of Virginia. [See VHHA vide here.](#)
- Vaccine data in our region (as of January 5). Data from the Washington Post:
  - **Virginia:** Virginia has received 482,000 doses of vaccine and is scheduled to receive more than 100,000 more by Jan. 16. So far, the state has vaccinated more than 126,000 people.
  - **Maryland:** Maryland has received 292,000 doses and is scheduled to receive more than 120,000 additional doses by Jan. 16. So far, the state has vaccinated more than 77,000 people.
  - **District of Columbia:** D.C. has received more than 35,000 doses and is scheduled to receive another 17,000 by Jan. 16. The city has administered more than 16,000 shots, but the true count is unknown because more than 40 percent of the pharmacies administering shots have not yet started correctly using the city's vaccine-information reporting system, according to D.C. Health Director.
- The Food and Drug Administration directed health care workers not to alter COVID-19 vaccine dosing regimens, in

response to suggestions that limited doses be cut in half, delayed or mixed and matched in order to quickly vaccinate more people. Details on FDA statement.

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention aims to ramp up the number of coronavirus genomes sequenced to about 6,500 samples per week, up from 3,000, in an effort to identify any new mutations of the virus over the next two weeks. [Details on the CDC plan here.](#)
- According to a newly released study, Surgical stays represented a higher percentage of hospitalizations at health system-affiliated hospitals (21 percent) compared with unaffiliated hospitals (14 percent). Full report and analysis here.
- A new report from AHRQ indicates access to healthcare significantly improved between 2000 and 2018, while gains in quality of care varied among six priority areas: patient safety, person-centered care, care coordination, effective treatment, healthy living, and care affordability. [Full report here.](#)

### **Education, Learning, and Resources**

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

- **Artificial Intelligence and Digital Twins Zoom Meeting:** Join the Zoom meeting brought to you by The Healthcare Council & InCite Logix. Join us this **Friday, January 8, 2021** from 9:00am to 10:am. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88106621024?pwd=dllhobnNIUGFoZDJLVGZMQ1o5a0ZhQT09> Meeting ID: 881 0662 1024 Passcode: 261723
- **The Healthcare Council/Share Source Supply Chair 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)