

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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In our continuing effort to give you one source for developments that affect the DMV region, the Healthcare Council will send Regional COVID-19 Updates periodically over the next crucially important weeks. If you have information you would like us to include, please contact us with a short message and link. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



General Information Sources:

We continue to share national and regional sites with the most up-to-date information (updated)

- Johns Hopkins global COVID-19 Tracker: <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- Latest case data for each state can be found at these websites:
 - Maryland (<https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>)
 - Virginia (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>)
 - District of Columbia (<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>)
- State Hospital Association information can be found at these websites:
 - Maryland <https://www.mhaonline.org/resources/coronavirus>
 - Virginia <https://www.vhha.com/resources/covid-19-resources/>
 - District of Columbia <https://www.dcha.org/quality-safety/coronavirus>
- Joint Commission Information page (<https://www.jointcommission.org/>)
- Morning Consult COVID-19 page (<https://morningconsult.com/coronavirus/>)
- Milken Institute Treatment and Vaccine tracker: (<https://milkeninstitute.org/covid-19-tracker>)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- The federal government just released new information about State Medicaid and CHIP programs: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/2829445>
- ...also new guidelines for facilities participating in Quality Reporting Programs: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/2829452>
- The **American Hospital Association** has detailed information about the legislation that is currently before Congress as it relates to emergency funding for hospitals: <https://www.aha.org/2020-01-22-updates-and-resources-novel-coronavirus-2019-cov>
- VA Governor Northam issues Executive Order to increase hospital bed capacity: <https://www.vhha.com/resources/wp->

[content/uploads/sites/17/2020/03/EO-52-Increases-in-Hospital-Bed-Capacity-in-Response-to-Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19.pdf](https://www.healthcare-council.org/content/uploads/sites/17/2020/03/EO-52-Increases-in-Hospital-Bed-Capacity-in-Response-to-Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19.pdf)

- The FDA has expanded remote use of patient monitoring devices: <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2020-03-20-fda-expands-remote-use-patient-monitoring-devices>
- CMS has approved a Section 1135 waiver for the State of Washington. It now applies to all states and here is what it means: <https://www.aha.org/news/headline/2020-03-20-washington-state-receives-section-1135-waiver>
- Potentially important news for our region, the federal government will now allow 'physicians and other medical personnel' to practice across state lines: <https://www.medicaleconomics.com/news/coronavirus-response-doctors-can-now-practice-across-state-lines>
- There are also important new changes for telehealth services: <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/trump-telehealth-restrictions/>

Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:

The Health Care Council is here to provide information about medical supplies help you find and purchase what you need to get through this crisis.

- The AHA, AMA, and ANA released a joint letter that addresses several issues related to medical supplies and production of those supplies. Read the letter here: https://images.magnetmail.net/images/clients/AHA_MCHF/attach/2020/March/0321/AHA_AMA_ANA_Defense_Letter.pdf
- Our GOP partner, **Premier, Inc.** (<https://www.premierinc.com/>) continues to provide us with detailed information. We will pass along new developments as we get them. For more information on their COVID-19 response, visit <https://www.premierinc.com/covid-19-response>
- **Healthcare Purchasing News** (<https://www.hponline.com/>) continues to provide updates on general purchasing issues and is a good resources for national and regional purchasing information.

Please contact us at 301-731-4700 if there are ways, we can help you get the supplies you need. Through our GPO suppliers, we have access to large quantities of certain products, and we can help get products to you as quickly as possible.

Education, Learning, and Resources

We will continue to look for ways we can help with education and learning needs as well as be a resource for the variety of needs you may be having during this crisis:

- Do you have staffing needs? There are a couple of options through NCASS partners:
 - **FocusOne Solutions** (www.focusonesolutions.com). FocusOne Solutions is a leading managed services provider that offers an integrated solution to help our members efficiently source high quality staff, make informed staffing decisions, save time, and control spend association with contingent and direct hire staffing for both clinical and non-clinical positions.
 - ◆ General hospital needs: contact Luke Christiansen lchristensen@focusonesolutions.com
 - ◆ Skilled nursing and post-acute needs: contact Kate Koris nkoris@focusonesolutions.com
 - ◆ General questions: contact Dan Nordstrom dnordstrom@focusonesolutions.com
 - **Healthcare Workforce Logistics** is offering a rapid response staffing program to help meet urgent staffing needs during this crisis. Healthcare Council HR Leaders received an email about his opportunity last week. More information can be found here <https://blog.hwlmsp.com/hwl-launches-covid-19-rapid-response-staffing-program>
- The **Wall Street Journal Health Forum** will be held via webinar this Tuesday. Here is the information: <https://healthforum.wsj.com/>