

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:

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](#)
- State Hospital Association information can be found at these websites:
 - ◆ [Maryland Hospital Association](#)
 - ◆ [Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association](#)
 - ◆ [DC Hospital Association](#)
- [Morning Consult Resource Page](#)

New national guidelines and policies updates:

- There appears to be a deal on the stimulus package and it looks like about \$130 billion has been earmarked for hospitals. Much more coming out as we get details.
- Federal Government announces new Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) guidelines: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/282f0ac>
- CDC updates guidance on discharging patients with COVID-19. [See details here.](#)
- CMS Grants Blanket Exceptions and Extensions Across Its Quality Measurement Programs [Details Here](#)
- CMS is granting exceptions from reporting requirements and extensions for clinicians and providers participating in Medicare quality reporting programs. [Read the press release here.](#)
- The FDA has released guidance to mitigate ventilator supply disruptions. [Details here.](#)
- A new open letter from the AHA, AMA, and ANA urges people to stay home. [Read the letter here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- **IMPORTANT:** HHS is strongly requesting information about COVID-19 testing being conducted by hospitals, as well as critical equipment and supply resources needs. Please work with your State or District Hospital Associations to get this information to them. If you have not seen the survey, you can find it here: [AHA Covid-19 Capacity Survey](#).
- ◆ This survey will be updated at a national level today (March 25) and we will keep you informed about developments.

Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:

- We are working with many healthcare organizations to help find solutions to supply and staffing needs. We have placed orders already for things such as N95 masks and personal protective equipment and are currently helping other organizations find other supplies. If you have supply needs, please let us know and we will try to help.
- **Healthcare Purchasing News** (<https://www.hponline.com/>) continues to provide updates on general purchasing issues and is a good resource for national and regional purchasing information.

As always, 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 have during this crisis:

- The Healthcare Council hosted a conference call with HR leaders from around our region on Monday. The call was an opportunity to exchange information and ideas. The HR leaders have decided to hold a conference call on a weekly basis.
- Regional healthcare executives can access webinars and online educational resources from the **American College of Healthcare Executives** at their [COVID-19 Resource Page](#).
- Staffing needs: there are a couple of options we are working on:
 - ◆ **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 associated 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 nkorus@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 this 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/>

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