

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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In today's update we've moved general information and data about the COVID-19 pandemic to the end of this email and we will put new national policy and regional information first. As always, if you have information you would like us to include in these updates, please contact us with a short message and link. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



New national guidelines and policies updates:

- The American Hospital Association issued a formal reaction to the Senate Bill that passed on Thursday. [Read the reaction here](#)
- CMS has opened a 'newsroom' section on their website which is updated daily and it contains all the latest actions taken by CMS as it relates to the COVID-19. [More information here](#)
- The HHS Office of Inspector General is warning both providers and beneficiaries about fraud schemes related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Stay up to date [at the HHS OIG website](#).
- Maryland was added to the CMS Section 1135 waiver list on Thursday, joining Virginia. This brings the total numbers of states with this waiver to 29. The letters granting this waiver can be read here: [Maryland](#) [Virginia](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- **Disaster Declaration for Maryland.** President Trump granted major disaster declaration for Maryland late last night.
- **Cases growing:** as of Thursday evening there were more than 1200 COVID-19 cases in MD-DC-VA.
- **A repeat from Wednesday's update:** HHS is (still) 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](#).
- **Financial Implications for Hospitals:** A new report published by Strata Decisions analyzes the financial impact the COVID-19 crisis may have on hospitals. [You can read the report here](#).

Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:

Contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways, we can help you get the supplies you need.

- **Supply Orders:** the Healthcare Council continues to place large supply orders for local hospitals and healthcare organizations. Every day we place more orders and we can try to help your organization if you let us know.
- **Transport Solutions:** if you have medical supply transport needs (moving supplies from hospital to hospital, for example), our partner **Interstate Logistics** can help. Interstate Logistics is an ISO-certified moving and logistics service provider in the healthcare space, Interstate Logistics can help your team address the COVID-19 critical needs today. Contact them at www.moveinterstate.com or contact Stephen Blackwell at Steven.Blackwell@invan.com.

- **Healthcare Purchasing News** (<https://www.hpnonline.com/>) continues to provide updates on general purchasing issues and is a good resource for national and regional purchasing information.

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:

- **Regional HR video conference call:** The Healthcare Council will host an HR video conference call on Monday, March 30 from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Register for the meeting in advance by [clicking here](#). If you have questions you would like to discuss during the conference call, email them to Chris Howard at cnhoward@healthcare-council.org by Friday, March 27, at 5:00pm.
- **American College of Healthcare Executives:** Regional healthcare executives can access webinars and online educational resources from the ACHE 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 nkories@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>

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](#)

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