

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Cases are beginning to rise in the area and we continue to track the latest information that might be of help to you and your employees. Please contact us directly if you have information you would like us to include in our updates. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



We would like to start today's update with a special **'Thank You'** to all the healthcare workers in the MD-DC-VA area. We are proud to present the following video tribute and we hope you will watch it and share it with your staff and community. You can [download the video here](#) or watch the video on [YouTube by clicking here](#).



New national guidelines and policies updates:

- The CDC has removed guidance for doctors on prescribing hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine from its website. [Story from Reuters](#).
- CMS is fast-tracking payments for the accelerated/advanced payment program. \$34 million was paid out last week. [Story](#). [Update: payment is now up to \$51 million]
- More from CMS in their newsroom. [CMS Newsroom page](#)
- A new round of \$250 billion proposed by the Senate is hitting a snag and one of the key issues is how much more money will go to hospitals. [Story from Politico](#).
- There is some new evidence from Korea that coronavirus may 'reactivate' in some cured patients. [Story here](#).
- The Administration has told states that the stockpile for PPE's is depleted and states will no longer be receiving shipments. [Details here](#).
- The federal government has relaxed some HIPAA regulations at coronavirus testing sites. [See details](#).
- Here is a summary of some of the health care rules that have been altered or suspended in the past couple of days. [Read changes here](#).

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Cases in our region are on the rise and records are being set each day. The Washington Post [has a new graphic](#) with details for MD-DC-VA.
- Hospitals in the region and around the country are struggling financially and facing staffing cuts. [Washington Post story here](#).
- Fairfax County officials are sending special teams to area nursing homes to deal with rises in coronavirus cases. [Story via NBC 4 News](#).

- In a sign that our area is becoming a 'hotspot', The District of Columbia and Montgomery County (MD) will make it mandatory to wear face masks at supermarkets. Other regulations may follow. [Read story](#).

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 is continuing our efforts to help connect local hospitals with the products and supplies they need. If we can help your organization, let us know.

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:

- **HR Group Meeting:** The Healthcare Council will host another HR group meeting on Monday, April 13. A link will be sent in the Monday update.
- **Dealing with COVID-19:** Staff and employees may be interested in this story about ways to deal with the stress of the coronavirus crisis. [Read story here](#).
- **Leader Check-in:** Government, Healthcare, Religious, and Social leaders from around the country will be involved in 'Leader Check-in: Perspectives In the Pandemic' today from 8:am to 3:00pm. [Find out more here](#).

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](#)
 - ◆ [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](#)
- [Morning Consult Resource Page](#)