

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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As we enter the 6th full week since the first confirmed COVID-19 related death in our region, the Healthcare Council would like to take a moment to express our appreciation for all that you do. This has been an unprecedented time and we are proud of the work you have all been doing. Thank you!

Below is the update for April 27. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter for updates throughout each day @HCNCA



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The head of the CDC issued a warning about the possibility of a second-wave of coronavirus [in the fall](#) and warned that hospitals could see pressure on their patient capacity.
- The Small Business Association has made it clear that certain public hospitals are eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program. [Details on eligibility](#).
- There were several developments involving the drug hydroxychloroquine over the weekend.
 - ◆ The FDA granted permission for Novartis AG to conduct a randomized test for the drug as a potential treatment for COVID-19. [Novartis story](#).
 - ◆ At the same time, the FDA issued a recommendation against use of the drug unless in a hospital or clinical setting.
- The NIH also issued a recommendation against use of the drug.

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Single-day rises in COVID-19 deaths have hovered around 100 for the last four days across the District, MD, and VA as leaders monitor data for signs of the virus's decline.
- Budget issues continue to hit regional healthcare facilities. Children's National Hospital has implemented mandatory [time off for staff](#).
- Montgomery County's head of emergency management said Sunday that 13 percent of the county's ICU beds and 60% of its ventilators were available.
- COVID-19 cases in area nursing homes now top 2,000 and have affected at least 255 facilities. [Story 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.

- **Premier, Inc.** has created a Thank You video for clients. [Click here to watch video](#).
- **Supply Orders:** we continue our efforts to help connect local healthcare facilities with the products and supplies they need. If we can help your organization, let us know.

Education, Learning, and Resources

We have three major Zoom conferences coming up:

- **HR Divisional Zoom Call:** Weekly call today at 3:00 p.m. Link below:
 - ◆ <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vpwuf-2sqzwpbrgYJe0RKH362TFsNdAr6A>
- **Webinar on New Technology:** Premier, Inc will be showcasing new clinical surveillance and decision support technology in a webinar on May 5 at 2 p.m. ET. [Register here](#) to attend live or receive the recording.
- **Managing Your Brand:** Morning Consult takes on the crisis from a new angle with a Special Report that provides resources for communications, marketing and insights executives navigating their brands during this difficult time. [Link to the Special Report](#)
- **Care Logistics,** one of the Healthcare Council's key partners, has released a webinar on the topic “Capacity and Flow Lessons Learned from COVID-19 Frontline Providers. Information You Can Use Now”. [Access webinar 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](#)
- [Morning Consult Resource Page](#)

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