

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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April 6, 2020 COVID-19 information and policy updates for area hospitals and healthcare organizations. 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:

- According to NBC news, an HHS Watchdog Report is highlighting some of the major issues hospitals are having getting medical supplies. The findings are based on interviews conducted from March 23 to March 27 and represent the first government assessment of how the country's hospitals are coping with the outbreak. [Story with a link to the HHS Report.](#)
- The U.S Surgeon General says that the next week could be the 'Pearl Harbor moment' for America, warning that hospitals will be stretched to their limits in some places. [Story here.](#)
- CMS issued a clarification on accelerated/advanced payment program. [See the clarification here.](#)
- The AHA is urging quick implementation of the CARES Act loan program so that hospitals can get relief as soon as possible. [AHA statement.](#)
- The American Medical Association has a message for physicians that aims to help them get help under the CARES Act. [Read message here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- It has now been one month to the day of the first known coronavirus case in the Washington area. As of Monday morning, the region's death toll hit 141, with 7,252 confirmed infections.
- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan issued new emergency guidelines for nursing homes on Sunday. [Guidelines here.](#)
- The Virginia Hospital Association has site where people can donate supplies to hospitals and healthcare organizations. [VHHA donation site.](#)

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 (still!) placing orders for local hospitals and healthcare organizations for a wide range of products and supplies. If we can help your organization, let us know.
- **The FDA** has new guidelines for manufacturers importing PPE and other equipment. [New guidelines here.](#)
- **Defense Production Act:** President Trump will increase the use of this power to help with supply needs. [Story in The Hill.](#)

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:

- **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.hwlmosp.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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