

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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There is a lot of new information to pass along today. Locally, officials are preparing for a surge in cases as the MD-DC-VA area could be a new 'hotspot' for COVID-19 cases. 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



New national guidelines and policies updates:

- There is more and more evidence that the coronavirus is hitting the African American community harder than others. Trump Administration says detailed demographic data will be released soon. [Learn more here.](#)
- Some coronavirus models are showing that fewer beds and ventilators may be required than originally projected. Some local officials, however, are questioning the data. [Washington Post has the story.](#)
- The Trump Administration will purchase about 167 million masks from 3M Co. over the next three months and those should begin to flow to hospitals soon thereafter.
- The AHA shares information on businesses offering discounted and free services to front-line health care workers. This includes hotel rooms, air travel, ground transportation, food and beverage and includes companies such as Hilton, Marriott, Uber and more. [Details here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Regional data as of Tuesday evening: more than 9,000 cases and 190 deaths in MD-DC-VA. There were more than 900 new cases in the region on Tuesday, April 7.
- There are indications that our region may become the next 'hotspot'. Here is information about what that means and its potential impact on hospitals. [Read story.](#)
- Maryland and the District will each receive 50 ventilators from California, according to a tweet from CA Governor Gavin Newsom.
- Nursing homes in our area are seeing a spike in cases and deaths. There are now cases in more than 100 facilities in the region. The two most affected:
 - ◆ 32 residents have died at a [facility near Richmond.](#)
 - ◆ 14 residents have died at a [facility in Mt. Airy, MD.](#)
 - ◆ In response, Maryland has announced a new 'strike team' dedicated to combating the virus in nursing homes. [Story and details.](#)
- Adventist Healthcare will reopen parts of its Takoma Park Campus facility to help with an expected surge in COVID-19 patients.
- Montgomery County has opened its first drive thru testing facility at the Emissions Inspections Program building in

White Oak. There are now drive-thru testing facilities in all jurisdictions in the Greater DC area. [Information on MD testing site.](#)

- Our neighbors in West Virginia are also closely monitoring developments related to coronavirus (COVID-19). Some of their information may be helpful for organizations in our region. We are also including them in our General Information and Data section at the end of this update. [West Virginia Hospital Association COVID-19 Page.](#)

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.
- **Grey Market Scams:** Premier Inc, our GPO partner, published a guide yesterday that helps organizations avoid scams involving supply chains and supplies. [Read their report here.](#)
- **HHS OIG Report:** Premier, Inc has also issued a statement regarding the recently released HHS OIG report regarding hospitals and supplies. [Report is here.](#)
- **Premier, Inc Public Page:** Here is a link to their public COVID-19 page. [Link to Newsroom Page.](#)

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:

- **Zoom Meeting with Plexosgroup:** The Healthcare Council is working with Plexosgroup, a company that focuses on FEMA reimbursements. Plexos has worked extensively with clients throughout the United States and its' territories to assist with FEMA funding over \$14 Billion and \$40 Billion in total disaster recovery experience. They will be presenting some services they can provide in a Zoom call on April 10. Details below.
 - ◆ **Topic: COVID-19 Funding Assistance**
 - ◆ Time: Apr 10, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
 - ◆ Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/246311165?pwd=NIBXekVNTWFUU0EvS0xVRGJKQWJkQT09>
 - ◆ **Meeting ID:** 246 311 165 Password: 967327
- **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.](#)
- **Politico** is hosting several webinars today and tomorrow on a series of topics that may be of interest to healthcare professionals and organizations.
 - ◆ April 8, 12:00pm: [Congressional Response to Coronavirus](#)
 - ◆ April 9, 9:00am: [Mental Health in the age of Coronavirus](#)
- April 9, 4:00pm: [Economic Fallout from Coronavirus](#)

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](#)

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