

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The first of May is a national public holiday around much of the world – a day to celebrate and honor workers. As we move into a new month – and in honor of May Day – the Healthcare Council would once again like to thank you and all of your employees for the work you are doing on the front lines of this crisis.



## **Our Services Update:**

Since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a world pandemic, the **Healthcare Council** and **National Capital Area Shared Services** has been focused on helping the region find PPE and other services that are crucial during this time. Smaller healthcare facilities often need help from other organizations to bundle PPE purchases to meet minimum requirements. We made a commitment to be one of the organizations, and we are pleased that we have been able to assist in bundling a number of products, some of which have already been delivered. We continue to work with the supply chain leaders in the region to assist in finding reputable distributors that can meet demands. Here is a short report on our efforts. Since the crisis began, we have been able to place the following orders:

- Level 1 Isolation Gowns – Order of 725,000 for 7 healthcare organizations
- KN 95 Masks – Order of 550,600 for 3 healthcare organizations
- Level 2 Isolation Gowns – Order of 30,000 for 2 healthcare organizations
- Level 2 Earloop Procedure Masks – Order of 46,000 for 4 healthcare organizations
- Isolation Masks – Order 1.8m for 17 healthcare organizations (10 LTC)
- Isolation Gowns with elastic cuffs – Order of 300,000 for one healthcare system
- Isolation Masks – Order of 96,000 for 5 healthcare organizations
- KN95 Masks – Order of 1,000 for Behavioral Health Hospital
- PE Gowns – Order of 1,000 for 5 hospitals
- PE Gowns – Order of 1,875 for 4 hospitals
- Reusable Gowns – Order of 408 for 2 hospitals
- Isolation Gowns – Order of 12,000 for 1 hospital
- Nitrile Gloves – Order of 20,000 for multiple campus CCRC
- Reusable Isolation Gowns – Order of 70,000 for 1 health system

Thank you to all who have participated and we hope we can continue to help in any way possible.

## New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The “social distancing” guidelines put in place by the Trump Administration [will expire today](#). That could have an impact on cases in the near future.
- The White House released a [testing action plan](#) for the country to follow over the next several weeks and months.
- The past two days have seen some progress on both treatment of the coronavirus and creation of a vaccine.
  - ◆ A group based at Oxford University [is moving quickly to develop a vaccine](#) and announced that it dosed its first human volunteer earlier this month.
  - ◆ Dr. Anthony Fauci expressed optimism regarding the [use of the drug remdisivir](#) in treating coronavirus patients who were hospitalized.
- The American Hospital Association [released a video](#) thanking healthcare workers for all they have done during this crisis.
- The National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (“ONC”) has issued [discretion dates and timeframes](#) related to certain requirements of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act.

## Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Area cases are over 42,000 and the total number of deaths is now nearly 2000.
- In the District of Columbia, more than 80% of the deaths related to the coronavirus have been African Americans.
- DC has announced plans for two new hospitals, one in Ward 1 (225 beds) and one in Ward 8 (136 beds). [Details of Mayor Bowser's announcement can be found here](#).
- Maryland is [taking steps to combat](#) cases of the coronavirus in nursing homes and poultry plants.
- Here is an update on how [people can get tested](#) in the area.

## 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 major Zoom conferences coming up:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Hazard Pay Survey:** Thank you to those who responded to our first survey. Results of that survey have been sent by email. We are launching a 2<sup>nd</sup> survey and we would appreciate your input. You can find the survey at the following link: [https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV\\_86db6aHzayl3qqV](https://umdsurvey.umd.edu/jfe/form/SV_86db6aHzayl3qqV). Please have only one person from your HR department complete the survey by Wednesday, May 6, 2020.
- **CMS and FDA** will host a call for physicians and clinical directors today at 12:30. Details below:
  - ◆ **Friday, May 1 Call from 12:30-2:00 p.m. ET**  
Attendee Dial-in: 877-251-0301  
Access Passcode: 9545128
- **HCNCA/NCASS Zoom Meeting:** Cyber Security Follow Up – Onclave Networks, with its platform solution delivers simple enterprise-wide protection for all Operational Technologies regardless of age, operating system or protocol, has scheduled a Webinar for Tuesday, May 5th at 12:00 Noon. Please join the conversation for more information.
  - ◆ Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83569616387>
- **The Synergy Organization:** One of our partner organizations has put out a plan to help identify which of the current or potential leaders in an organization are most likely to thrive within a restructured or merged enterprise. [See their ideas 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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