

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find some of the information and developments from the past two days.



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

- The American Hospital Association has a quick primer on how the recently released House Democrat COVID-19 Relief Package affects hospitals and healthcare organizations. [Press release can be seen here.](#)
- United Healthcare Group announced it is planning to sell Affordable Care Act health coverage in more states, including Maryland, after mostly withdrawing from the business years ago. [Story from Bloomberg news.](#)
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services yesterday released its proposed rule for the hospital inpatient and long-term care hospital prospective payment systems for fiscal year 2021. [Read AHA summary.](#)
- CMS released an open letter to all workers and staff at the country's nursing homes thanking them for their work during this crisis. [Read the letter here.](#)
- The FDA has authorized use of Abbott Laboratories' COVID-19 antibody test on another of its diagnostic systems. [Read more here.](#)
- **IMPORTANT FOR HOSPITALS:** HHS is requesting information from hospitals about the distribution of Remdesivir. [Full story here.](#)

## **Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:**

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- As of Tuesday evening, the numbers in our area are as follows: there are more than 66,000 total cases with nearly 3000 deaths.
- DC Mayor Muriel Bowser's office released a video of the District's Alternate Care site at the Walter E. Convention Center. [See video here on YouTube.](#)
- Coronavirus deaths in Northern Virginia outpaced rates in other parts of the state according to [an analysis done by the Washington Post.](#)
- Here is an updated list of where people can be [tested for the virus in our region.](#)

## **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.

- We continue to be at your service if you have supply needs. Contact us at any time.

## **Education, Learning, and Resources**

Updates and details below

- Northwell CEO Michael Dowling discusses how lessons from the pandemic spur greater collaboration within hospitals and across the industry. [Link to story and video presentation.](#)
- The AHA Center for Health Innovation released a guide to help healthcare organizations prepare for the “new realities” that will exist as they resume regular day-to-day services. [Read report 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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