

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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It has now been two months since many schools and businesses closed in our area. Below please find some important updates and information as of May 15.



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released a new CMCS Informational Bulletin (CIB) to provide states guidance on how to temporarily modify provider payment issues. [Read the CIB here.](#)
- The CDC has updated its list of COVID-19 symptoms and its guidelines for when people should seek medical help. [Link to CDC page.](#)
- On Wednesday, CMS released a new “toolkit” on state actions to mitigate COVID-19 prevalence in nursing homes. [Read Toolkit Report.](#)
- CMS is announcing a call for nominations for the new contractor-led Coronavirus Commission on Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes to help inform immediate and future responses to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within these facilities. [Get more information here.](#)
- The Trump administration announced plans to improve the Strategic National Stockpile of drugs and medical supplies, creating a 90-day supply to establish a "buffer" until the United States can boost domestic manufacturing surge capacity.
- **IMPORTANT FOR HOSPITALS (Reminder):** HHS is requesting information from hospitals about the distribution of Remdisivir. [Full story here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- As of Thursday evening, the numbers in our area are as follows: we have now surpassed 70,000 total cases with nearly 3,200 deaths. Cases continue to surge in our area even though there are one- or two-day periods where the rates seem to be holding steady.
- Parts of Maryland and Virginia will begin to slowly re-open starting today (Friday). The District of Columbia, however, is sticking to its “stay at home” policy until early June.
- 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.](#)

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

- **AHA's Insider Briefings** is a resource to connect AHA Associate Program members to timely insider intelligence they can trust. Hear insights from hospital and health system leaders and noted AHA thought leaders on topics that matter the most to the field. [Link to AHA Associate Program](#).
- Premier's predictive technology helps prepare for resumption of elective procedures by identifying surges in COVID-19 cases and supply needs. [Access the tool here \(membership required\)](#).
- Some hospital workers are worried that their workplace is not providing adequate disclosure after they are exposed to COVID-19. [More details here](#).
- 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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