

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Good morning. Today is **NATIONAL NURSES DAY** and we salute all the nurses at your facilities and all over the region. As part of the 2020 "Year of the Nurse and Midwife" celebration, the American Nurses Association has expanded *National Nurses Week*, traditionally celebrated from May 6 to May 12 each year, to "a month-long celebration in this May to expand opportunities to elevate and celebrate nursing."

**Free coffee and donuts!** [Dunkin Donuts](#) is offering a free coffee and donut to all healthcare workers today to celebrate *National Nurses Day*. [Starbucks](#) is giving free brewed coffee (iced or hot) to all first responders and frontline healthcare workers through the end of the month as part of *National Nurses Day* and their initiative to provide 1,000,000 free cups this month.

If anyone on your team missed the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds 'Healthcare Heroes Day' fly over Washington, DC, be sure to forward [this video](#).

Our "Thank You" video to our region's healthcare workers is still online. You can [download the video here](#) or watch the video on [YouTube by clicking here](#).



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

- The American Hospital Association has launched [a new COVID-19 dashboard](#) that includes interactive data and metrics related to hospitals and policies all around the country.
- The AHA also released a report that suggests the financial impact of COVID-19 on hospitals and healthcare systems will likely be [over \\$200 billion by June](#).
- The US and UK are warning of potential cyber attacks on hospitals and research facilities. [Read the report from NBC news](#).
- CMS released a new set of answers yesterday for [a long list of Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- The NIH has launched a new study on the effects of the coronavirus in children. [Story here](#).
- The FDA has updated its policy on antibody testing for COVID-19. [Read the update here](#).
- A Physicians Help Line has been set up for doctors suffering mental health issues during this pandemic. [Visit Physician Support Line here](#).
- The Small Business Administration [offered a clarification on Tuesday](#) on Public Hospitals and the Paycheck Protection Program.
- Finally, though we didn't have an update yesterday, we wanted to recognize that May 5 was "Hand Hygiene Day". It's likely Hand Hygiene Day will have a slightly higher profile in the future.

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Area cases are approaching 53,000 with nearly 2400 deaths.

- The Washington Post has detailed maps and statistics from [around the region](#).
- Howard University has launched a free testing program to test people in some of the poorest parts of the District. [Story here](#).

### **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.

- **Companies working to identify fraudulent materials:** 3M, Amazon, and Pfizer (among others) are partnering with the U.S. Customs Enforcement to [curtail counterfeit medical equipment from coming into the country](#).
- **Orders and Deliveries:** In the May 1 update we highlighted some of the supplies we have been able to successfully order for organizations in the area. We are still working to link organizations with what they need. Please contact us if you have needs.
- **KN95 Mask Available at NCASS:** Item Number: KY333 are available the week of May 11 at the Calverton, MD office. S2S, private labeling company for Premier, made these mask available to NCASS through an allotment program. Eleven cases with 1,500 masks per case are still available as of today. These KN95's are made available at our cost per case of \$6,398.

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

Updates and details below

- **HWP Insurance Action Plan for Returning to Work:** HWP, one of our insurance partners, has put together a detailed [action plan to help companies](#) as they return to work.
- **Managed Healthcare Executive** predicts that trends that existed in healthcare prior to COVID-19 will remain after the crisis passes. [Link to article](#).

### **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](#)