

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council will continue to provide important information about the COVID-19 pandemic to our members and friends. Beginning in July, however, we will scale back the frequency of our updates. We will put out new information every Wednesday, with our first weekly report coming on July 1, 2020. If the response and reaction to the virus changes dramatically in our region, we will adjust the time of our updates as needed. Please continue to share information with us and let us know how we can best serve your needs.



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

- A full study on the steroid dexamethasone found that the drug can help reduce deaths among critically ill COVID-19 patients but could pose more risks for coronavirus patients with a milder form of illness. Some American hospitals said they would start treating COVID-19 patients with dexamethasone following the initial announcement of the study last week.
- Some hospitals have been hit hard by COVID-19. But for others, the pandemic has meant the absence of patients and major drops in revenue. [Managed Healthcare takes a look in this report.](#)
- The nation's top public health officials testified before Congress this week and reiterated the importance of testing as a strategy to overcome the pandemic. [Read the story here.](#)

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

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region has entered a phase where cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are all on the decline. As other states in the country begin to see an uptick in all three, we will continue to monitor the virus in our region. If you notice increases at your organizations, please let us know.

## **Purchasing through National Capital Area Shared Services:**

We are still working with many healthcare organizations to get PPE and other supplies. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need. Check back for news regarding supply issues for our region.

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

Updates and details below

- **Care Logistics** has some information on how to manage hospital capacity during this crisis and after. [Read report here.](#)
- **Human Resources Division Virtual Meeting – Monday, June 29, 2020 – 3 to 4 PM**
  - ◆ This virtual meeting will focus on HR workforce needs in healthcare organizations and the 2020 salary surveys across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming video conference to Christopher Howard ([cnhoward@healthcare-council.org](mailto:cnhoward@healthcare-council.org)) by 5:00 pm EST, Friday, June 26, 2020. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84855653362?pwd=bUQ0c0ttOUQyRUJmcWt6bDVQcmZaUT09>

- **Volunteer Services Virtual Meeting – Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – 10 to 11 AM**
  - ◆ Plan to join us for a discussion on volunteer workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming videoconference to Christopher Howard ([cnhoward@healthcare-council.org](mailto:cnhoward@healthcare-council.org)) by 5:00pm EST, Friday, June 26, 2020. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84414747834?pwd=UTh4aGpudGhBYjBwTUlEdDZxWnYwZz09>
- **Behavioral Health Division Virtual Meeting – Wednesday, July 1, 2020 – 2 to 3 PM**
  - ◆ A discussion concerning Behavioral Health workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan DC area (DC, MD and VA). Please send any questions you would like to discuss in the upcoming videoconference to Christopher Howard ([cnhoward@healthcare-council.org](mailto:cnhoward@healthcare-council.org)) by 5:00pm EST, Monday, June 29, 2020 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87331275818?pwd=Sms0ak1wVFNPVTRySnExUUFOl1hvUT09>.
- **CMS Webinar:** CMS will host a webinar on June 30 at 1:00 pm titled “CMS's Final Rule for Office/Outpatient EM Services”. [Register here for the webinar.](#)

**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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