

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council continues to monitor all that is going on in the country as it relates to COVID-19 and the response from our regional hospitals and healthcare center. But we also want to take a moment to recognize the tragic death of George Floyd and draw a connection between his death and our position as a regional healthcare organization. Our official statement follows:



The senseless death of George Floyd at the hands of four police officers in Minneapolis last week has rocked the country and reminded us that racism and unequal treatment are prevalent throughout many of the most important elements of American society. Though Floyd's death casts our eyes toward the obvious issue of police brutality and criminal justice, we must not forget that systemic inequalities also exist in areas such as education, housing, economic opportunity, and healthcare. And while we mourn with the Floyd family, we also acknowledge that mourning is not enough. Peacefully protesting in the streets is not enough. We must also continue to search for the areas within our society where people who are black or brown or poor are not given the same opportunities as others and we must then address those disparities head on.



The Healthcare Council is based just a few minutes from downtown Washington, D.C. We are in a position to help combat healthcare disparities in our region and around the country and to fight for those who are disadvantaged or face discrimination. Our pledge is to fight in the arena where we can have some influence: healthcare. And we will be intentional and unwavering in our commitment to work with our member organizations to ensure that real solutions lead to real change.

-The Healthcare Council, June 2020

Updates for June 3 can be found below:

New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The public protests over the death of George Floyd are causing concern among health officials that they could lead to increased cases of the coronavirus. [Story from Washington Post.](#)
- The AHA put out an official statement on the death of George Floyd. [AHA Statement.](#)
- CMS has announced enhanced enforcement actions for nursing homes with violations of longstanding infection control practices. [Details found here.](#)
- There are some developments regarding potential medical breakthroughs for combating the coronavirus. One story comes via the [Wall Street Journal](#) and one from [Reuters.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region surpassed 100,000 confirmed cases over the weekend and the total deaths are now more than 4500.
- The DC Hospital Association has put out a set of guidelines for hospitals and health systems in preparation for re-openings in the region. [Read the guidelines.](#)

- Children's National Hospital will host a series of webinars in different languages this month on the topic of the COVID-19 crisis. [Register for the webinars 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.

Education, Learning, and Resources

Updates and details below

- Telehealth and COVID-19 in Rural Areas: The Bipartisan Policy Center will host a webinar on the topic on June 4 at 10:00am. [Registration instructions 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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