

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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If you missed our official statement on the death of George Floyd on June 3, we are reprinting it below. After the statement you will find updates for June 5.

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



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The AHA has released a statement on the passage of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020. [Details in the statement.](#)
- Monday, June 8, is the next deadline for HHS requested data to inform Remdesivir distribution. [Details found here.](#)
- As states in America re-open, health officials are reminding people that the number of daily confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide is averaging more than 100,000 per day, including 134,064 on May 30, marking the fastest pace the outbreak has spread so far, according to a media outlet's tracking database.
- The Department of Health and Human Services said it will now require U.S. laboratories to include data such as age and ethnicity in results for people being tested for COVID-19. [Details on this new requirement.](#)
- CMS has a huge database with details on nursing home COVID-19 information from all over the country. [Access the data here.](#)
- The Lancet has retracted its large study on the effects of hydroxychloroquine on COVID-19 patients. [Read the story here and here.](#)
- But another major study, this time by researchers from the University of Minnesota and Canada, has found the drug does not help prevent people from contracting the coronavirus. [Story on the study found here.](#)
- The Trump administration has picked five companies – Moderna Inc., AstraZeneca PLC (in combination with Oxford University), Johnson & Johnson, Merck & Co. Inc. and Pfizer Inc. – as the most likely candidates to produce a COVID-19 vaccine, according to senior officials, and is expected to announce the decision in the next few weeks.

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region surpassed 112,000 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.](#)
- Areas in the region are shifting to Phase 2 Reopening starting today.

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

- None schedule for today or this weekend. Check back on Monday for more information.

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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