

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Please find below our COVID-19 update for June 8.



New National Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- According to a Reuters analysis, COVID-19 cases fell nationally last week, but in 17 states there was a rise, including 9 where cases rose by more than 15%. This may be due to increases in testing, but it may also be the result of economic re-opening in the last few weeks. [See Reuters data.](#)
 - ◆ For week ending March 31: Virginia cases +42.8%, Maryland cases -13.9%, District of Columbia cases -30%
- The health care industry added about 312,400 jobs last month compared to 1.4 million jobs lost in April, according to preliminary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and all the job growth in the industry in May occurred in the ambulatory sector. The hospital sector still saw a drop in jobs in May at 26,700, but it marked a much smaller decline compared to 135,000 jobs during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic in April.
- The HHS has announced new laboratory data reporting guidance for COVID-19 testing. [Read press release.](#)
- CMS has new information on their nursing home COVID-19 data website. [See data on website.](#)
- 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.
- More than 26,000 of the deaths reported due to COVID-19 have come in nursing homes according to the CDC. [Story details here.](#)

Regional Information and Information for Hospitals:

Developments from around the MD-DC-VA area.

- Our region surpassed 118,000 confirmed cases over the weekend and the total deaths are now more than 4700.
- 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.](#)

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.

Education, Learning, and Resources

Updates and details below

- **Facilities and Engineering Divisional Meeting:** Please join us for a discussion concerning Facilities Management

workforce needs in healthcare organizations across the metropolitan D.C. area (DC, MD, and VA). Discussion moderation will be led by Facilities Management Division Chair, Mark Mininberg. Please use the following information to access the videoconference meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 9:00am – 10:00am EST. HCNCA/NCASS is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82645292765?pwd=VCtLdmNzRDItNFF1WjZDL21jOEVXdz09>

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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