

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The Healthcare Council is pleased to send you our new Weekly Update with a variety of information about the COVID-19 pandemic and how it affects healthcare organizations in our region. Please check for the update each Wednesday. Our new format will focus on updates from federal and local authorities and will highlight upcoming events sponsored by the Healthcare Council and our partners.



We continue to work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our National Capital Area Shared Services division. Please contact us directly at **301-731-4700** if there are ways we can help you get the supplies you need.



Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates:

- The big news this week is the rising number of coronavirus cases in the United States. The curve that flattened out in April and May, albeit at a high level, is steepening again. Since the middle of June, a long plateau of newly recorded cases in the U.S. has begun to tilt upward. Bloomberg has [a series of charts that illustrate](#) where the US stands at the moment. In testimony on Capitol Hill, Dr. Anthony Fauci warned that if this current uptick is not reversed, the US could see 100,000 new cases per day by the end of the summer.
- In the MD-DC-VA area cases continue to trend downward and economies in the region continue to re-open.
- HHS announced it struck a deal with Gilead to secure 500,000 additional treatment courses of remdesivir that will be distributed during the months of July, August and September. It will be made available to hospitals at the negotiated price of about \$3,200 per average treatment course, according to the HHS announcement. [Many more details in this AHA Special Bulletin.](#)
- The AHA also released a detailed report on Tuesday that finds that the immense financial strain facing hospitals and health systems due to COVID-19 will continue through at least 2020 with patient volumes expected to remain well below baseline levels. [Read the analysis here.](#)
- Modern Healthcare has a related report that focuses on the huge losses senior-living providers are facing as a result of COVID-19. [Full report and analysis here.](#)
- The CDC has expanded the list of people at risk for severe COVID-19 illness. [See the updated list here.](#)
- PwC released an analysis of the medical costs trends in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis. [More can be found here.](#)
- A new study found patients with severe COVID-19 illness are more likely to have abnormal clotting in their hearts, kidneys, lungs and livers. That could explain why some suffer heart attacks despite having no prior coronary damage.

Education, Learning, and Resources

A look at some of the upcoming meetings and webinars in the week ahead.

- **Care Logistics** has some information on how to manage hospital capacity during this crisis and after. [Read report here.](#)

- **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). <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87331275818?pwd=SmsOak1wVFNPVTRySnExUUFOl1hvUT09>.
- **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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