

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below is our Weekly Update for July 22, 2020. We continue to provide a variety of information about the COVID-19 pandemic and how it affects healthcare organizations in our region.

We 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:**

- D.C., Maryland and Virginia have nearly doubled the average number of new coronavirus cases diagnosed each day since the beginning of July. Cases are still relatively low by national standards, but officials are considering how to meet this new challenge. [Full story here.](#)
- Many of the biggest school systems in the region have also changed course and decided to start the year completely on-line. This will, of course, have a huge impact on parents – including doctors and nurses working in healthcare facilities in our region. [Details on local school decisions here.](#)
- The American Hospital Association has new analysis showing the dramatic effects the COVID-19 crisis has had on the financial health of hospitals and health systems. [Read the full AHA analysis.](#)
- HHS announced that it is extending the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution provider application deadline to apply to August 3, 2020. Distribution of \$10 billion in a second round of high impact COVID-19 area funding to hospitals through this program will start this week.
- Organizations such as Walgreens, Amazon, and Boots Alliance are advancing their primary care efforts. The AHA Center for Health Innovation examines the impact. [Full report here.](#)
- The Coalition to Protect America's Healthcare has launched a national media strategy to urge Congress to fund hospitals and healthcare systems. [See more about the Coalition here](#) and see their [television ad here.](#)
- In addition to studies suggesting African Americans and Latinos are suffering from higher fatality rates than the overall population, there is new evidence showing that Asian Americans may also have higher than average fatality rates. [More information on the study here.](#)
- A study conducted by King's College London researchers found that people who have recovered from COVID-19 may see a significant [drop in antibodies within months](#), indicating that people could be re-infected with the novel coronavirus on a yearly basis.
- Doctors in France have reported what they believe to be the first proven case of COVID-19 being passed on from a pregnant woman to her baby in the womb. [Read more here.](#)
- United Healthcare, the nation's largest health insurer, more than doubled its second-quarter profit, as COVID-19 shutdowns kept patients out of doctor's offices and off operating tables. [Story in the AP.](#)

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

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

- **AHA call with Dr. Anthony Fauci:** The AHA is hosting a call for hospital and health system leaders with Dr. Anthony Fauci on Thursday, July 23 from 2:30 – 3:45 PM ET. Those wishing to participate can call in at **1-800-469-8538** and **enter the participant code 43576#**. Organizers ask that you try to call in at least 10 minutes before the call begins. If you get a busy signal, try again.

**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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