

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for August 19, 2020

We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our ShareSource (formerly NCASS) 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 District of Columbia has updated its list of high-risk states – states from which travelers into the District will be required to quarantine for 14 days. [See details of the list here.](#)
- The American Hospital Association, along with others, released a Special Bulletin to update the COVID-19 Essential Surgery Roadmap. [Read the Special Bulletin here.](#)
- More and more, it is younger people who are emerging as the main spreaders of coronavirus. [WHO report can be read here.](#)
- What are high-functioning innovators thinking about the future of health care? [More from the AHA Center for Health Innovation.](#)
- The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning about Thermo Fisher Scientific's TaqPath COVID-19 test, stating that potential accuracy issues linked to laboratory equipment and software used to run the test could result in false results for patients. [Details from the AP.](#)
- “Managed Healthcare” has a list of 5 pre-COVID digital health trends that are only accelerating now that we are dealing with this pandemic. [See the list and the details.](#)
- This week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday clarified its Aug. 3 updated guidance on quarantines. [More on the updates here.](#)
- A new study from Stanford University appears to show a link between e-cigarettes and contracting COVID-19. [Read a report on the study.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- **August is National Immunization Awareness Month:** To see how aware you (or your employees) are, take a look at the CDC's Adult Vaccine Assessment Tool [which can be found here.](#)
- Takiya Reavis-Benjamin, Chairperson of The Healthcare Council's Patient Experience Division, shares an invitation to join other Patient Experience professionals to get ideas, thoughts, resources and feedback as we all navigate the COVID-19 waters. The weekly virtual meeting series is sponsored by Emory Healthcare in Atlanta, GA.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/meeting/tJEude6qrjovH9BxI7WTo40Ibf2e_Uq9gllw/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCtrTktGNSUtRyDRowMA4joKORziH5Ygvp_hDayNBRCNIP6NOQQN41KAYHX

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://emoryhealthcare.zoom.us/j/95327201554?pwd=R2J6ZWNUWW9VMFJRZTRMS00wWEtGQT09>

Meeting ID: 953 2720 1554 **PASSWORD IS** PTPX

Topic: PX Coffee, COVID and Convo: Touchbase

Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Tuesday until Sep 15, 2020, 4 more occurrences –August 25, September 1, September 8, September 15

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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