

# HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for September 16, 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:

- A new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) study is revealing the extent to which adults are bypassing medical care because of their COVID-19-related concerns. According to the authors, 41% of U.S. adults delayed or avoided medical care as of June 30. This includes urgent or emergency care (12%) and routine care (32%).
- The DC Hospital Association has been looking at that same issue for some time and has launched a program called Don't Delay Care, aimed at making sure people get the health care they need when they need it.
- Multiple news outlets have reported that one or more of President Trump's appointees at HHS have attempted to alter or halt the release of the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWRs), calling into question the validity of those reports. [Full report here.](#)
- The NIH has awarded contracts to companies and academic institutions to develop digital health solutions that help address the COVID-19 pandemic. These contracts could change practices at hospitals and other healthcare institutions. [More details here.](#)
- The AHA Center for Health Innovation is trying to help healthcare organizations navigate the numerous changes that have come due to COVID-19. [Read about some of their efforts here.](#)
- A National Institutes of Health-funded study found that people with substance use disorders (SUDs) are more susceptible to COVID-19 and its complications. [Details from the NIH report.](#)
- A new report released yesterday shows that the coronavirus is killing black, hispanic, and native American children at significantly higher rates than white children. [Details on the new report.](#)

## Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patient Safety and Quality Summit: Register now for this conference, sponsored by the DCHA and taking place in mid-October. [Registration details here.](#)
- RAPID COVID-19 TESTS: The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are teaming with Healgen to provide COVID IgM tests that will provide results in 10 minutes. Each test will cost \$12.00. Attached are two forms with more information and details about how to order. Please contact us 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](#)

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