

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Below you will find The Healthcare Council's COVID-19 Update for September 30, 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 global COVID-19 death toll reached 1 million this week, with the United States accounting for more than 20 percent of deaths and 7.1 million cases as infections rise in Midwestern and Mountain states. [Full story from The Hill.](#)
- The CDC is investing \$200 million to help jurisdictions prepare for a possible vaccine. [Read about the full plan here.](#)
- Scientists have discovered genetic and immunological underpinnings in some COVID cases. [Read the report from the NIH.](#)
- The federal government will ship 6.5 million rapid coronavirus tests to states this week and a total of 100 million in the coming weeks, President Donald Trump said at a Rose Garden event. [Story from Associated Press.](#)
- The FDA drafted guidelines that would require coronavirus vaccines to meet higher safety and efficacy standards for emergency authorization. [Full story can be found here.](#)
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention walked back information added to its website that said the coronavirus can spread through tiny droplets in the air and be transmitted beyond six feet. [Full story here.](#)
- Finally, there are updates on all of Greater Washington's hospital construction projects. [Full update here.](#)
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Education, Learning, and Resources

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

- AHA will host an all-field call this Thursday, Oct. 1 from 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM ET with Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. Please see the attachment for details.
- 3 Digital Strategic Priorities for the Next Normal in Healthcare: Read the new report put out by the AHA Center for Health Innovation. [Read the full report here.](#)
- 3rd 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. Below are two forms with more information and details about how to order. Please contact us for more information – 301-731-4700.

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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