

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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Have a look at our weekly update on issues related to COVID-19 and how it affects the field of health care. We work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our [ShareSource](#) division. Please contact us directly at 301-731-4700 if there are ways in which we can help you get the supplies you need.



Guidelines, Information, and Policies Updates

- The decision by the CDC and FDA to recommend a pause in distribution of the J&J vaccine was big news yesterday. Media outlets reported the news in a variety of ways, but the [official joint statement](#) from the CDC and FDA is worth a read.
- Meanwhile, there is real progress on the vaccine front overall: more than 1 in 4 U.S. adults are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, CDC data shows, while more than a third have received at least one shot.
- The District of Columbia has released updated COVID-19 guidance for hospital visitations. [Read it here.](#)
- [Here](#) is the latest on vaccine rollouts in the DC/MD/VA area.
- A [study](#) led by experts at Children's National Hospital finds that the COVID-19 pandemic is associated with a surge in fatal and nonfatal firearm injuries both in young children and inflicted by young children.
- Unfair discrimination toward Asian-Americans as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative effect on the mental health of people in that community. [Morning Consult has the story here.](#)
- The NIH has begun a [study](#) that will look at long term respiratory disease in people who were hospitalized with COVID-19.
- The NIH is also looking at post-acute elements of COVID-19 in a [study](#) of over 1200 participants who experienced symptoms or effects weeks and months after initial infection.
- Providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing to uninsured individuals, provided treatment for uninsured individuals with a COVID-19 diagnosis on or after February 4, 2020, or administered COVID-19 vaccines to uninsured individuals can begin the process to file claims for reimbursement. [Learn more here.](#)

- HHS to expand COVID-19 Vaccine Program to all community health centers across the U.S. [Read more from HPN here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Join us for our Virtual Supply Chain Divisional Meeting: April 20, 2021 - 12 pm:** Guest speaker, Jane Pleasants, recently retired Vice President for Supply Chain Management at Duke, now Executive Director of Strategic Marketplace Initiative (SMI), will present on “**Best Practices for High-Performing Supply Chains.**” We encourage all supply chain leaders to register by clicking [here](#). Please feel free to share this with your colleagues in supply chain.
- **Join DC Health for PDMP Lunch & Learn: April 23, 2021 - 12 pm | Mandatory Query Amendment Webinar**
Each moment spent in front of a computer is time that could have been spent with a patient. Join the webinar to learn how you can improve access and use of PDMP data by quickly accessing it in your clinical workflow. A goal of the DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) is to share data with health care providers, prescribers and pharmacists to improve their ability to identify and reduce diversion of prescription drugs while not impeding the appropriate medical utilization of controlled substances. DC Health covers the cost of PDMP-EHR integration in an effort to help local health care providers. Participants will learn how to access the PDMP in the EHR and easily comply with mandatory query requirements. Integrating the DC PDMP into your EHR will allow you to access the PDMP data in one click, saving up to four minutes for each patient encounter. [Register for the event here.](#)
- **Join us for our Virtual Pharmacy Divisional Meeting: April 28, 2021 - 12 pm:** Guest speaker, [Todd Barrett, RPh](#), will present on the Drug Quality and Security Act of 2013. Todd serves as the CEO of [T1](#), a healthcare provider specializing in telehealth as a tool to improve healthcare and patient outcomes. He is also the President of [Providence Health Technologies \(PHT\)](#), a company specializing in the development of technologies to foster integration and build access to medications at low cost. Register [here](#).
- **DCHA & MedStar Georgetown University Hospital Serve On Future of Health Care Panel - May 6:** DCHA's President & CEO Jacqueline D. Bowens and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's President Michael Sachtleben will serve as panelists for the Washington Business Journal's Future of Health Care event on May 6. The event will focus on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in Greater Washington, including the latest regarding the pandemic and the potential return to work. [Event details found here.](#)

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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