

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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The weekly COVID-19 Update has been a service provided by The Healthcare Council since the early days of the pandemic in March 2020. This will be our last 'weekly' update. The pandemic is not 'over', but the country has made significant progress in the past few months as more and more Americans have been vaccinated and more of the country is opening up to 'business as usual.' We will continue to report on pandemic related issues in our other publications – including our Bi-Weekly Healthcare Update.



We are grateful to our region's healthcare organizations - you have been a driving force throughout the pandemic and we appreciate all you have done to get us where we are today. [Thank you, healthcare heroes.](#)

We continue to work with local organizations to help with supply needs through our [ShareSource](#) division and are currently working with our endorsed partner [Intralin](#) to provide us with much needed syringes. 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

- In recent weeks, nearly all the COVID related deaths in the region are coming from people who are not vaccinated. WTOP has the [story](#) on Maryland's numbers.
- Will the lingering effects of COVID-19 put the brakes on elective surgeries? If so, what does that mean for hospitals and other health centers? Kaiser Health has some insights [here](#).
- Pew Research has the rundown on the issues healthcare systems are facing as they decide whether to mandate COVID vaccines for their employees. [More details here](#).
- Hospitals are once again appealing to HHS to have more time to spend COVID relief funds. [KHN has more here](#).
- The AMA has adopted a [new policy](#) to better identify and diagnose the long-term effects of COVID-19.

- Telehealth dramatically increased during the pandemic, but there are some hard questions that healthcare organizations must face on that front. [AHRQ has more.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **COVID-19 and Kids: Impacts, Uncertainties and the Role of Vaccines, Today, June 30, 2021, 1:30 – 4:30 pm:** This virtual symposium will focus on several key areas: COVID-19's broad effect on youths in the 5- to 12-year-old range and their families, the current state of play in youth vaccine development, and ethical aspects of global vaccine scarcity and youth immunization. Register [here](#).
- **Unraveling the Complexities of Population, Community and Public Health, June 30 - August 11, 2021:** Today's leaders must be able to apply management concepts with a comprehensive understanding of the communities they serve, the populations for which they assume risk, and the numerous entities that provide or pay for services across the care continuum. This new online seminar will examine the components of population health, community health and public health, with an emphasis on data sources and measurement metrics. Participants will explore case studies to better understand the practical application of concepts, and will gain a thorough understanding of population health and its relationship to value-based payment. Over the course of six sessions, participants will develop an appreciation for how population and community health relate to the goals of healthcare organizations. Register [here](#).
- **Our member CHAP hosts COVID-19 conference calls every other Thursday: Next Call: Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 3:00 pm:** Call number: 646-307-1479, Participant code: 246854#. They have established a COVID-19 telephone line for immediate questions: 202-862-3416 or 202-862-3413 then enter 9 (Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM EST).
- **Lessons Learned in Infection Control Through the Pandemic, Jul 13, 2021, 01:30 pm:** The Leapfrog Group and Newsweek are partnering to host a [webinar](#) focused on lessons learned in infection control through the pandemic response. The discussion will be moderated by Fred Guterl, Newsweek's science editor, and will feature panelists from the CDC, Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and esteemed providers from the front lines.
- **AHA, Kaiser Permanente Discussion on Community-Specific Solutions to Overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy, July 15, 1 pm:** AHA, its Society for Health Care Strategy and Market Development, and leaders from Kaiser will discuss the various archetypes of COVID-19 vaccine-hesitant populations and strategies for communicating with them based on their particular mindset and attitude. You can register by clicking [here](#).
- **Top 25 Women Leaders Gala, Friday, July 23, 2021:** Modern Healthcare's Top 25 Women Leaders biennial recognition program honors the top female healthcare executives influencing policy and care delivery models across the country. This program also highlights the continued need to nurture exceptional women leaders throughout healthcare. Join virtually on July 23, 2021. [Learn more](#) about this event.
- **AHA Leadership Summit, July 28-29:** This year's two-day, all-virtual Leadership Summit brings together senior hospital and health system leaders and clinicians, and trustees for high level, transformational discussions of strategies and innovative approaches for achieving sustainability, delivering greater value and health equity, creative partnerships, and redefined delivery models. Educational content will be available for on-demand viewing for three months following the conference. You can register by clicking [here](#).
- **The CDC provides a host of updated training resources for healthcare professionals.** Learn more [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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