

HEALTHCARE COUNCIL REGIONAL COVID-19 UPDATE

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March 20 will mark one year since our first Healthcare Council COVID-19 Update. Though we never imagined we would still be sending it out a year later, we are proud to continue to offer this service to draw attention to stories related to the pandemic from our region and around the country.



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

- One Year On: A trove of interactive data to show how life has changed under the pandemic. Does it mirror the changes you have seen in your organization? [Check here.](#)
- One Year On: a third of Americans say the COVID precautions may last for another year. How might this impact your organization? [More from Morning Consult here.](#)
- One Year On: WTOP has created a very interesting timeline of the pandemic for the DC/MD/VA region. [Find it here.](#)
- One Year On: The CDC issued an official statement to mark the one-year pandemic milestone. [Read it here.](#)
- More people in D.C. are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, and some restrictions will soon be relaxed. [More from WTOP.](#)
- A report by the DCHA shows there was a decline in specialty care admissions during the last quarter of 2020, indicating there may be a ways to go before hospitals reach pre-pandemic levels. [Read the report here.](#)
- Remote patient monitoring, once reserved for 'early adapters' and 'gadget geeks', has become mainstream during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospitals are using remote monitoring to reduce spending on personal protective equipment and free up beds for patients with COVID-19. [More here.](#)
- National COVID-19 vaccine second-dose completion rates show that more than 90% of people who have received the first dose have also received the second dose, or are schedule to get it within the recommended interval. How does the national average compare to your organization? [See here.](#)

- COVID cases among nursing home staffers have plunged by 83% since the release of the various vaccines. This, despite some vaccine hesitancy among staffers around the country. [KHN has story here.](#)
- CMS announced it is increasing the Medicare payment amount for administering the COVID19 vaccine. This new and higher payment rate will support actions taken by providers that are designed to increase the number of vaccines they can furnish each day, including establishing new or growing existing vaccination sites, conducting patient outreach and education, and hiring additional staff.
- Health insurers see volatile waters ahead in the post-pandemic era. [More here.](#)

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **Tryon Clear View Group Webinar: March 18, 2021 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm:** The Healthcare Council and ShareSource are excited to bring to you a special presentation by our endorsed partner, [Tryon Clear View Group](#). COVID-19 has impacted health systems financially around the world and it is more important than ever to try and find ways in which to reduce costs. Tryon Clear View Group provides innovative solutions for sustainable cost reduction in areas including telecom, managed print, waste, document storage, equipment maintenance, mailing equipment, and utilities. [Register in advance here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **AHA:** A peer-to-peer community of health care professionals dedicated to helping hospitals and health systems recover, rebuild and reimagine health care. Learning together for today, tomorrow and the future of health care. Join the Living Learning Network, a peer-to-peer community of health care professionals helping hospitals and health systems recover and reimagine health care during COVID-19 and beyond. [To take part, sign-up here.](#)
- **2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference: July 22-24, 2021, Nashville, TN.** The 2021 AHA Leadership Summit and Virtual Conference will feature senior health care executives, clinicians and experts in the field presenting high level, transformational strategies and innovative approaches for achieving financial sustainability while delivering greater value through operational excellence, creative partnerships, and redefined delivery models. Special attention will be paid to the strategies and practices that enable health care leaders to remain resilient and respond successfully in periods of sustained crisis. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Medical Solutions can help with your efforts to meet the staffing demands caused by vaccine administration.** With the approval and roll out of new vaccines, [Medical Solutions](#) is prepared to help you staff both clinical and non-clinical roles for administering vaccines. They can help you address the surge in demand for the professionals needed at every step of the vaccination process:
 - Vaccinators
 - Clinical Team Leads
 - Nursing Assistants
 - Medical Directors
 - Greeters
 - Schedulers
 - Contact Tracing Specialists

Contact Medical Solutions to conduct a needs assessment for your vaccination site and determine how they can best address your urgent staffing challenges.
 Contact: Mike Daeges, Senior National Account Executive, 402.986.5153,
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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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