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

- A newly released report from the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association shows the effect COVID-19 had on Virginia hospitals in 2020. Report found here.

- Like many states, DC is beginning 'Walk-up Vaccines' for all residents 65 years of age and older. See the story and the list of walk-up facilities here.

- The Office of the District of Columbia Auditor, in conjunction with Talus Analytics LLC and the Georgetown University Center for Health Science Security, released a detailed report titled 'Bending the Curve: Policies to Mitigate COVID-19 in D.C. and the Region.' Read the full report here.

- The AHA has launched a #MyWhy campaign designed to tell personal stories about why frontline workers around the country have decided to get the COVID-19 vaccine. See how your organization can participate in this campaign by reading the story here.

- This week the Biden administration took the first step toward ending an emergency exception that allowed hospitals to ration and reuse N95 medical masks. More from Modern Healthcare.

- Telehealth visits continue to trend up with patients. Is your organization adapting? Read more from HPN here.

- The CDC's COVID data tracker website now has a portal that is tracking vaccinations in great detail. Lots of interesting data and information for healthcare organizations and the general public. Find it here.

- Maryland reported fewer than 1,000 new confirmed coronavirus cases for the third straight day Tuesday, and the statewide positivity rate continued to fall but hospitalizations increased. See a breakdown of Tuesday's numbers from the Maryland Department of Health here.

Education, Learning, and Resources

- **2021 STATE of REFORM Virginia Health Policy Conference: Tomorrow, April 29, 2021:** The Healthcare Council is proud to be a sponsor of this event. We have a limited number of complimentary registration slots. Please use the code **HC10** to receive your free entry. First come first serve. Contact us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org to receive partial discounts if complimentary discounts are full. Register here.

- **Join us for today's 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 Heath 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.

- **2021 STATE of REFORM Maryland Health Policy Conference: May 13, 2021:** The Healthcare Council is proud to be a sponsor of the Maryland State of Reform Health Policy Conference as well and we have a limited number of complimentary registration slots. Please use the code **HC4** to obtain your free entry. First come first serve. Contact us at thehealthcarecouncil@healthcare-council.org for partial discounts if complimentary registration is full. Register 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