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## **HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - MAY 22, 2020**

## **NATIONAL**

- 10 states with highest average physician salaries
- o 9 ways Covid-19 may forever upend the U.S. health care industry
- o 10 physician specialties that generate the most revenue for hospitals
- 7 state data exchanges that launched new projects to combat COVID-19
- o 59% of healthcare workers say their mental health declined from COVID-19 crisis
- o Amazon-backed Haven launches CEO search as Gawande steps down
- As Nursing Homes Report More COVID-19 Deaths, More Governors Order Universal Testing
- FDA authorizes first at-home COVID-19 test
- HHS gives rural providers \$225M for COVID-19 testing
- o HHS overrides states, lets all pharmacists give COVID-19 tests
- o Major nursing home chain violated federal standards meant to stop spread of disease even after start of covid-19, records show
- o Physician compensation rose again but COVID-19 expected to 'dramatically alter' landscape
- $\circ~$  Private equity firms now control many hospitals, ERs and nursing homes. Is it good for health care?
- o State-by-state breakdown of hospital expenses per visit
- o 'This is a mess': CDC, 4 states combine viral and antibody results, skewing COVID-19 data
- Verma Praises Nursing Home Staff for 'Amazing Job,' But Surveys Find Lingering Infection Control Problems

## **ALABAMA**

- o Alabama Nursing Home Association addresses staffing shortages
- o Alabama nurses 'tired and stressed,' seek compensation
- Children's of Alabama announces 10-bed expansion to behavioral health hospital center
- o Decatur Morgan Hospital names interim President
- o Nearly 50% of all COVID-19 deaths in Alabama have happened in just 3 counties

### **ALASKA**

- Governor says Alaska ready to move into next phase of reopening economy
- o Alaska immunization rate hit hard by pandemic restrictions
- Seeking medical care when Alaska needs it most



#### **ARIZONA**

- Here's how COVID-19 will change healthcare facility design
- o Arizona gets \$150 million federal grant for COVID-19 response
- Experts say health care workers should get tested frequently for COVID-19. Are they in Arizona?
- 15,315 confirmed cases, 763 known deaths as of Thursday
- Will Arizona get hit by a second wave of COVID-19? Here's what we know
- Banner Health Launches Virtual Waiting Room Across Network
- Banner Health revamping doctors' offices in the wake of COVID-19 with virtual waiting room

### **ARKANSAS**

- Health sector dealt financial blow
- COVID-19 adding to rural hospitals' financial challenges
- Secretary of Health, Arkansas Department of Health officials give update on state's response
- Arkansas health units begin 'self-swab' testing for COVID-19
- Simmons Bank donates \$1 million to Arkansas Children's Pine Bluff clinic
- o Arkansas hospital 1st in state to use spine robot

## **CALIFORNIA**

- o California hospital leaders again appeal to Newsom for coronavirus financial relief
- o California tells hospitals to consider having a lottery for sought-after Covid-19 drug
- LA County supervisor calls for more coronavirus regulations for nursing facilities
- LA Surge Hospital to close in June
- Prospect Medical Group to add 10,000 physicians with 3 acquisitions
- State denies 9 new licenses to owner of Orinda Care Center, site of deadly coronavirus outbreak

### **COLORADO**

- Colorado frontline health workers share personal struggles with COVID-19
- o Colorado hospital CEO: 'I think we made people afraid to come back'
- Coronavirus deaths at Colorado nursing homes, senior facilities reach 711; outbreaks reported at restaurants and stores
- Do Colorado hospitals get extra money for coronavirus cases and deaths? Yes and no.
- No layoffs planned at Grand Valley hospitals
- Pharmacy company paying \$15.3m penalty
- 'Revenues are way down': Colorado hospital CEO talks about the hidden financial effects of COVID-19
- Southwest Colorado hospitals eager to resume elective surgeries



What you need to know about remdesivir, the experimental coronavirus drug that just arrived in Colorado

#### CONNECTICUT

- Five CT nursing homes, linked to as many as 77 coronavirus deaths, cited for inadequate plans
- Groton Nursing Home Fined \$10K By State
- Nursing Home Deaths Climb As Staff Scramble For PPE
- Nursing Home In Naugatuck Paid \$5,000 Fine: Report
- As it prepares to reopen, Connecticut's count of COVID-19 deaths is fragmented and incomplete
- Here's what Connecticut's Coronavirus curve looks like on day one of 'phase one'
- o Connecticut Hospital to reschedule surgeries that were deferred due to COVID-19
- o Connecticut Health Foundation names Tiffany Donelson next president and CEO
- The four recovery centers Connecticut opened for COVID-19 patients have attracted few people, prompting requests to have them closed
- 'Cautious enthusiasm' for plasma treatment in COVID-19 cases
- o CT advises transfer of positive health facility residents to COVID-only homes

#### DC

- New Coronavirus Cases In DC Double Previous Day's Number
- 3 DC-Area Hospitals Report Drops in ER Visits
- DC-area hospitals graded on safety
- o One-third of D.C. covid-19 fatalities linked to nursing facilities
- o D.C.-Area Hospital Workers Say They Need Hazard Pay, More Protective Gear

### **DELAWARE**

- o Beebe CEO: Focus on health as we plan for post pandemic future
- Delaware receives \$67 million grant from CDC
- With coronavirus hospitalizations down, Delaware hospitals to resume elective procedures

### **FLORIDA**

- 21st Century Oncology Becomes Part of Australia's GenesisCare to Increase Access to World Class Cancer Care in the U.S.
- o Florida health care system: 35K virus tests 'unreliable'
- Florida hospital brings back about 200 furloughed employees
- o Florida law takes money from families after nursing home tragedies
- Florida's Mount Sinai Medical Center cuts nearly 1,000 jobs
- o Jacksonville nurse sues Life Care Center, says it's not doing enough to keep people safe



- Lee Health announces voluntary leave, buyouts for employees
- Lee Health feels financial ramifications of pandemic
- Long-term care facility in Walton County reporting more COVID-19 cases
- Nurses battling virus on front lines in understaffed hospitals: A brave nurse speaks out
- Physician burnout amid COVID-19 pandemic a growing concern
- Woman who designed Florida's COVID-19 dashboard has been removed from her position

#### **GEORGIA**

- Florida, Georgia questioned over public access to COVID-19 data
- o Georgia companies redirect efforts to COVID-19 supply needs
- o Georgia to wind down makeshift hospital at Atlanta convention center
- Piedmont Healthcare using remdesivir to treat coronavirus patients

### HAWAII

- o 6 Hawaii hospitals with the best nurse-patient communication scores
- o Kaua'i Reopening: Health First, Tourists Later
- o On front lines of COVID-19 battle, nurses also find themselves fighting stigma

## **IDAHO**

- o Idaho coronavirus cases dip with fewer cases in the state's latest hot spots
- Long-term care facility for COVID-19 patients opens in Twin Falls
- 46 rural Idaho health care clinics will receive \$50K grants

### **ILLINOIS**

- o 8 ER physicians quit Chicago hospital
- Chicago Children's Hospital Sued Over Data Breaches
- Hospital responds to video of nurse at crowded Wisconsin bar
- How the COVID-19 pandemic affects long-term care facilities
- Loyola Medicine CEO, physicians take pay cuts amid pandemic
- Mental Health Practice Expands Chicago Footprint
- Most Illinois Hospitals Scored Well in New Survey
- SSM Health in Illinois resumes elective procedures

### **INDIANA**

Hoosier Firm Develops New PPE Tool for Healthcare Workers



- Indiana nursing home death information to be made public despite state's efforts
- IU Health accelerates payments to Indiana suppliers to help ensure delivery of care
- o IU Health says Methodist Hospital overhaul still on track, even as other projects falter nationally
- Lilly Cancer Treatment Lands FDA Approval
- New search tool reveals COVID-19 cases & deaths at Indiana nursing homes
- Nursing homes have large share of coronavirus deaths in St. Joseph County and Indiana
- Porter Regional Hospital resumes some outpatient surgeries
- o Reports show nursing-home chain violated patient care, infection control standards

#### **IOWA**

- University of Iowa Hospitals: Layoffs a last resort despite facing \$100 million loss
- Kindred Healthcare and Mercy Iowa City Open Mercy Iowa City Rehabilitation Hospital
- More than \$500M in federal aid heading to lowa hospitals would cover only half their COVID-19 losses
- Iowa Health Dept. expanding COVID-19 serology testing research
- o Iowa health officials report 279 new COVID-19 cases, 10 additional deaths
- o 'Fallen short': Local health official tells Gov. Kim Reynolds' staff Test Iowa, lack of data leaves county at disadvantage

## **KANSAS**

- o Rural hospital saw peak of coronavirus cases higher than Wichita healthcare system
- University of Kansas Health Care System sees drop in COVID-19 patients
- New CEO takes helm at OP-based health care analytics company
- Kansas moves to phase 1.5, receives 26 new cases of Remdesivir

### **KENTUCKY**

- COVID-19 ICU patients, hospitalizations hit high point in Kentucky
- Doctors in Kentucky, Tennessee highest paid in nation according to new survey
- Facility dogs back at work at Kentucky hospital
- Kentucky working to test everyone for COVID-19 at nursing home facilities
- Kindred Healthcare and Mercy Iowa City Open Mercy Iowa City Rehabilitation Hospital
- Louisville doctor returns from treating COVID-19 patients in NYC
- Louisville Healthcare CEO Council, Aging 2.0 will partner and host innovation search
- Louisville to launch widespread study of COVID-19 and its antibodies
- Nearly 100 Kentucky nursing homes have reported coronavirus cases. See the full list
- o Norton Children's Hospital launches statewide pediatric COVID-19 helpline



- President/CEO of Gibson General will add role as CEO of Methodist Health Union County
- UK tests use of drone to deliver supplies to hospitals
- UofL, UK getting \$264,000 in federal funding to increase telehealth services

### **LOUISIANA**

- Rebuilding America: Acadiana hospitals not spared by COVID-19 economic impact
- New Orleans area hospitals see significant drops in COVID-19 hospitalizations
- Number of Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients Drops Below 1,000
- 'Good signs': Louisiana makes improvements to stop women from dying in childbirth
- New Orleans officials say COVID-19 disproportionately affecting Hispanic and Latino community
- o Louisiana Department of Health reporting 506 truly new cases in Thursday's update, 21 new deaths

#### **MAINE**

- As Maine lab triples testing capacity, local providers can't test everyone immediately
- o Central Maine Healthcare, Bateman Partners move forward on another project
- o Maine health officials say more testing led to large jump in COVID-19 cases
- Psychological fallout from pandemic could be prolonged, say Maine mental health experts
- Northern Light Health releases COVID-19 statistics
- Hospital system proposes \$14M outpatient surgery center

#### **MARYLAND**

- Maryland expands contact tracing as coronavirus hospitalizations drop below 1,400 for first time since April 20
- Maryland to boost contact tracing capacity in local health departments
- AAMC earns "A" for patient safety from Leapfrog Group
- o Q&A: Carroll Hospital's new president, Garrett Hoover, talks health care, leadership, pandemic response
- University of Maryland Capital Region Health names new CEO
- o Planned Maryland pharmacy school loses state funding
- o Maryland shows higher risk for nursing home coronavirus outbreaks and deep racial disparities
- Hospitalizations Dip, Coronavirus Testing Surges In MD: Officials

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

- o Federal Inspectors Investigating COVID Deaths Of Mass. Nursing Home Workers
- o Massachusetts Blues plan processes 1M telehealth claims in 9 weeks
- Senator says nursing home industry collapsing



- Most Of The Space In Massachusetts Field Hospitals Went Unused. Now, Some Are Looking To Shut Down
- Mass. Reopening Plan Allows Limited Expansion Of Non-Emergency Health Care Services
- o If Massachusetts sees a second surge in coronavirus cases, hospitals say they could be ready within hours
- With 128 More Fatalities, Coronavirus Death Toll Tops 6,000 in Massachusetts
- o Massachusetts General Hospital starts to shift resources as coronavirus cases decline
- As use of telemedicine surges amid the coronavirus pandemic, Massachusetts General Hospital doctor anticipates change in 'landscape' of health care
- o Here's how each Central Mass. hospital is rated for safety

### **MICHIGAN**

- Changes to COVID-19 nursing home orders in Michigan could be coming Wednesday
- Children's Hospital of Michigan gains new CEO
- Hospitals beginning to bring diagnostics, surgeries back for patients with new precautions
- Kathy Donovan named CEO of DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan
- o Lawsuit alleges negligent death of mother of 2 at Port Huron hospital
- Lawsuit filed against Governor, state officials over medical procedure executive order
- McLaren awarded funding for telehealth services
- o Mercy Health reopens five clinics to address non-coronavirus medical needs
- Michigan Gov. Whitmer considers major change to COVID-19 nursing home policy
- o Michigan Medicine accused of exploiting 1,300 resident physicians in labor dispute
- o Michigan Medicine opens up for more non-COVID-19 patients
- Telehealth use surges in Michigan during pandemic, with "tremendous" benefits
- U of M resident doctors 'frustrated' after 5 months without wage deal
- o West Michigan Medical Practices Sue Whitmer Over Elective Procedure Ban
- Whitmer signs 3 more orders, including new ones impacting tax appeals and telehealth access

### **MINNESOTA**

- Coronavirus craters Mayo Clinic Q1 revenues
- o Virus risk factors show who is likely to land in the hospital
- Minnesota grapples with promise of COVID-19 drug in limited supply, unknown cost
- Minnesota nurses fear for safety as a possible COVID-19 case surge looms
- UCare discounts Medicare premiums with COVID-19
- Minnesota's COVID-19 hospital rate above new threshold, 32 deaths reported



- State officials confident Minnesota will have PPE needed for COVID peak, despite health care workers' concerns
- Minnesota National Guard called on to help test in long-term care centers

#### **MISSISSIPPI**

- Mississippi rural health centers to receive \$9.2 million for COVID-19 testing
- Mississippi hospitals, with gutted revenue streams due to coronavirus, receive a state cash infusion. Is it enough?
- U of Mississippi Medical Center predicts \$150M loss

### **MISSOURI**

- o 2 Mercy execs retire early to help address financial fallout
- MU Health Care eliminates another 29 positions due to budget shortfalls
- o St. Louis-area COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to fall as region prepares to reopen
- Number of COVID-19 patients in St. Louis area hospitals at its lowest point in months
- o BJC HealthCare furloughs nearly 3,000 workers
- Washington U. researchers launch global trial to test chloroquine for front-line health care workers
- Missouri deploys remdesivir to hospitals with critically ill COVID-19 patients
- o Missouri health department reports 152 new COVID-19 cases, 15 new deaths
- o Symptoms or no symptoms, Missouri now pushing COVID-19 tests for all
- o St. Louis aldermen question health department official about low number of contact tracers

#### **MONTANA**

- Rural Montana health providers to receive \$2.8M for testing
- o Montana COVID-19 cases remain flat
- Northern Montana Hospital starting elective surgeries
- o Over \$2 million secured for rural health clinics in Montana

## **NEBRASKA**

- o Gov. Ricketts says healthcare system remains in good shape
- o 7 more deaths, 221 new virus cases reported in Nebraska
- CHI Hospitals receive new life saving technology for Covid-19 patients
- o Frustrations mount over Test Nebraska initiative
- Ricketts pleased with TestNebraska program despite hiccups
- o Five residents at Life Care Center of Elkhorn die; facility cited in past for deficiencies
- Nebraska sees 6 new virus deaths; cases hit nursing home



#### **NEVADA**

- Hospitals expected a dire situation. April data shows it never came.
- Las Vegas health officials ramp up COVID-19 contact tracing
- New data dashboard breaks down COVID-19 cases in Southern Nevada
- Northern Nevada Medical Center to resume all elective surgeries

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

- N.H. Reports 8 More Deaths, 2 New Outbreaks At Long-Term Care Homes
- Federal funds slow to reach Manchester, Nashua hospitals
- o Testing sites added, eligibility loosened in New Hampshire
- o More Long-Term Care Facility Deaths, Coronavirus Outbreaks In NH
- NH rural health clinics get money to expand virus testing

### **NEW JERSEY**

- o 5,368 dead and counting: An investigation of state failures as crisis rampaged through N.J. nursing homes
- New Jersey hospital revenues fell \$650M monthly due to COVID-19
- New Jersey Locals Protect Hospital Workers, First Responders
- o RWJBarnabas Health Names Senior Vice President, Chief Transformation Officer
- o Operating margins at New Jersey hospitals plummet during pandemic, report finds
- Sons sue NJ's deadliest nursing home, where dad died of COVID-19

### **NEW MEXICO**

- Lovelace Medical Center CFO discusses the pandemic in New Mexico
- New Mexico COVID-19 Cases Now At 6,316 With 7 More Deaths And 1,985 Patients Recovered
- New Mexico hospital settles former employee's discrimination claim
- o Outbreak overwhelms rural New Mexico hospital
- New Mexico's healthcare industry asking recovered COVID-19 patients to donate plasma to treat others

### **NEW YORK**

- $\circ\;$  Bassett Healthcare names new president, CEO
- Cuomo Backs Off on Nursing Home Prosecutions: 'People Are Going to Die By This Virus. That's the Truth'
- o Gov. Cuomo's nursing home mass testing edict leaves labs unable to comply
- o Inspection finds Avon Nursing Home 'in compliance' with CDC guidelines
- o 'It's impossible': NY nursing homes fret about testing order



- NewYork-Presbyterian CXO Rick Evans: Leading through a spring like no other
- Requirement to test nursing home staffs likely to cost facilities thousands
- Sources say that many nursing homes are purposefully underreporting COVID-19 deaths
- State: Nursing homes can't put testing burden on employees
- Hospitals Move Into Next Phase as New York Passes Viral Peak
- FDA partners with Aetion to analyze 'real world' COVID-19 data from EHRs, insurance claims, patient registries
- After New York's Covid-19 'surge,' what's next?
- Mount Sinai will use FCC grant to develop telehealth app
- o N.Y. to Let Visits Resume at Some Hospitals
- Surgical Navigators keep lines of communication open at Oswego Hospital
- o 'I Can't Turn My Brain Off': PTSD and Burnout Threaten Medical Workers

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

- Atrium, Novant compete for new partnership in eastern North Carolina
- Carteret Health invests in new technology
- Long-term care advocates ask North Carolina lawmakers for help in curtailing COVID-19 outbreaks
- o Moses Cone part of select group of N.C. hospitals to receive COVID-19 drug remdesiving
- North Carolina hospital reopens 3 surgery centers
- North Carolina hospital to reopen ASC
- Randolph Health bankruptcy proceedings continued
- Randolph Health to present plan on future of hospital for the county
- o Randolph Hospital joins North Carolina State Health Plan Network
- Records reveal data gaps in one of NC's key COVID-19 metrics
- Shuttered hospital could get new life courtesy of COVID
- o Triangle hospitals receive millions in stimulus money

### **NORTH DAKOTA**

- Mayville, N.D., nursing home reports 20 positive cases of COVID-19
- North Dakota, Wyoming and Wisconsin saw the highest increases in hospital expenses per visit
- North Dakota sees record jump in COVID-19 cases and 4 new deaths

#### OHIO

- Albertini named COO
- Former East Ohio Regional Hospital purchased, plans to reopen later this year



- Investment group buys Ohio hospital
- Nearly 700 Ohio nursing home residents died in past four weeks from COVID-19
- New Dayton-area urgent care center opens today
- Ohio hospital inadvertently posts spreadsheet with 3,683 patients' information on website
- Ohio state bill would shield businesses, health care providers from COVID-19-related lawsuits
- St. Elizabeth Healthcare one first in nation to enroll patients in breakthrough trial
- UH Cleveland Medical Center names new CMO
- Nursing home deaths account for 70-percent of Ohio's overall total

#### **OKLAHOMA**

- SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital Shawnee and Oklahoma Heart Hospital were among the most affordable hospitals for Heart Failure patients in Central Oklahoma
- SSM's new medical building taking shape
- o Oklahoma's hospitals see 25% increase in COVID-19 patients overnight; health officials concerned
- Oklahoma House votes to overturn State Health Department rule on vaccination exemptions
- New Oklahoma law will require mental health parity in health insurance
- Oklahoma Health Department Reports 88 New COVID-19 Cases, Total Rises to 5,398

### **OREGON**

- Emergency room docs argue ongoing shortage of protective equipment is dangerous to themselves, their families
- o Family of coronavirus victim suing nursing facility
- Healthcare providers seek protection from COVID-related lawsuits
- Providence cuts executive salaries and takes other cost-cutting measures in face of Covid-19
- This nursing home director explains how her facility staved off coronavirus cases while a major outbreak sits miles away
- o 'We are planning for a new normal': Providence Oregon to furlough staff, cut exec pay

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- 8 Out of 10 Nursing Homes in Philly Region Cited Before Coronavirus Struck
- o 51 Pennsylvania hospitals get doses of COVID-19 drug remdesivir
- o \$111M expansion to begin at Pennsylvania hospital features spine center, orthopedic Center of Excellence
- Assisted living could be target for COVID-19-related criminal investigations, attorney general says
- o Berks County nursing home near top in Pennsylvania for coronavirus deaths, cases, data shows
- Bill creates \$500M emergency fund for state's providers
- Ellwood City hospital set to be sold



- Nursing facility data will soon be revealed
- Nursing facility group criticizes state report
- o One quarter of Pennsylvania physicians report difficulties with telemedicine reimbursement
- Pa.'s largest nurses' union accuses hospitals of misinforming state officials about PPE
- Pennsylvania nurse union alleges continued rationing of PPE
- o Philly area health networks are slowly bringing back elective surgeries, in-person visits
- Thomas Jefferson names 4 winners of \$1M health tech innovation competition
- o What you need to know about remdesivir, the experimental coronavirus drug that just arrived in Colorado

### **RHODE ISLAND**

- o Rhode Island reports 18 additional deaths linked to COVID-19 and 189 new cases
- 42% of Rhode Island nursing homes have no COVID-19 cases
- Miriam Hospital dealt with coronavirus cluster among nurses in COVID unit
- Nursing home workers warned government about safety violations before Covid-19 outbreaks and deaths

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

- South Carolina to distribute Remdesivir, drug used to treat COVID-19 patients
- o S.C. health experts react to praise from coronavirus warrior Fauci
- Trident Health doctor shares experience caring for COVID-19 patients
- o 4 planned, proposed specialty ASCs in South Carolina cardiology, ENT & more

### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

- South Dakota waiting for flexibility on \$1.25 billion coronavirus funds as cases increase
- o COVID-19 deaths increase by 2
- Care19 app hasn't helped track coronavirus in South Dakota
- o South Dakota healthcare workers ready to begin statewide COVID-19 testing of nursing home residents

### **TENNESSEE**

- Doctors in Kentucky, Tennessee highest paid in nation according to new survey
- ETCH doctors concerned by drop in pediatric emergency room visits
- o Hospitalizations rise in Tennessee, leaving hospitals in money-losing stasis
- Tennessee hospital closed since last June received \$121K in federal coronavirus relief: reports
- o Tennessee releases updated long term care facility COVID-19 case numbers
- Tennessee Valley Healthcare starts new community contract



Vanderbilt researchers say COVID-19 hospitalization has doubled in Nashville over the last month

#### **TEXAS**

- More Than 3,000 Texas Nursing Home Residents Have Tested Positive For Coronavirus, State Data Shows
- Texas Children's to build \$450M hospital in Austin
- Thousands of Texas nursing home residents have tested positive for coronavirus
- o 'The Worst Situation': Hospitals, Health Care Sector Reel From COVID-19 Damage
- Houston health care providers have received over \$316 million in federal COVID-19 relief funds
- Dell Children's among hospitals nationwide asking for federal funds amid 'catastrophic loss' due to coronavirus
- o Dallas County Reports Record 14 COVID-19 Deaths, 225 New Cases Tuesday
- Texas doctors say their revenue has dropped by at least 50% since the pandemic, survey data shows
- The Case for Reusable PPE

#### **UTAH**

- o Utah coronavirus breakdowns by city released for first time
- Intermountain's revenue tops \$2.3B in Q1
- Utah's Tava Health nabs \$3M in new funding, expanding work to make access to mental health care a breeze

## **VERMONT**

- Vermont top five highest increase in hospital expenses per visit
- Scott urges Vermonters to remain vigilant even as COVID news improves
- Elective procedures begin to return to Vermont's largest hospital
- Vermont psychiatric hospital workers allege dangerous staff shortages
- Southwestern Medical earns top marks in special infection-prevention survey
- 47 Northwestern Medical Center employees take voluntary layoffs
- Why Vermont is now closely tracking coronavirus in kids

### **VIRGINIA**

- 60% of Virginia's COVID-19 deaths came from long-term care, but state code bars knowing which homes
- Culpeper hospital president details of COVID-19 preparedness
- New online data dashboard highlights the impact of COVID-19 on Virginia licensed nursing facilities

#### WASHINGTON

- 112 Washington state hospitals, health systems unite to encourage appropriate healthcare use
- o 'All other options have been exhausted': UW Medicine furloughs 1,500



- Forks Community hospital names new CEO
- More mold detected at Seattle Children's Hospital
- o Seattle Children's closes ORs after another mold discovery
- Some Washington long-term care facilities ban window visits during coronavirus pandemic
- UW Medicine furloughs 1,500 staffers, with more possible

### **WEST VIRGINIA**

- In a time of pandemic, another rural hospital shuts its doors
- Northwood Health Systems expanding existing clinic
- St. Mary's Medical Center files application to acquire Huntington Internal Medicine Group

## **WISCONSIN**

- State Sees Biggest Hike In New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions In 30 Days
- o After weeks of resistance, Wisconsin names 38 nursing homes under active coronavirus investigation
- o Aspirus and the Wisconsin Hospital Association remind central Wisconsin not to delay health care
- HHS delivers \$137M to expand COVID-19 testing capacity in Wisconsin
- o Hospital responds to video of nurse at crowded Wisconsin bar
- o Wisconsin hospitals more prepared for COVID-19 surge, WHA president says

### **WYOMING**

- As some rural hospitals are closing, a Wyoming system is using tech to thrive
- o North Dakota, Wyoming and Wisconsin saw the highest increases in hospital expenses per visit
- o Teton County will not seek health variances; restrictions ease tomorrow
- Platte Valley hospital comes closer to final approval
- Wyoming reports first COVID outbreak at a nursing home