

JUNE 19, 2020

HEALTH PROVIDER NEWS - JUNE 19, 2020

NATIONAL

- 7 health systems report \$1B+ losses in Q1
- 5 hospitals bringing back furloughed employees
- 10 best children's hospitals, ranked by US News
- AMA opposes HHS rule removing protection against discrimination
- COVID-19 contact tracing tech: The states that committed to, passed over Apple, Google system
- FCC telehealth awards surpass \$100M; Here are the 11 hospitals, health systems that have received the most funding
- Healthgrades recognizes 880 hospitals for patient safety, experience
- HHS rolls back nondiscrimination rules: 5 things to know
- HHS says vaccine likely by January as it supports speedier development and distribution
- Hospitals identify possible compromise in battle over price disclosure
- House coronavirus task force launches probe into largest nursing home operators
- Medical groups, health systems expect COVID-19 pinch to last into next year, AMGA says
- Supreme Court's DACA ruling grants temporary reprieve for 200 med students, residents
- Private equity pushes into healthcare: 8 latest deals
- The coronavirus is devastating US hospitals, which will lose \$200 billion in revenue by the end of June
- Trump administration rolls back Obama-era transgender health care protections
- What ICU doctors have learned about COVID-19 and how they're prepared for a 2nd wave

ALABAMA

- o Best Children's Hospital In Alabama: U.S. News & World Report
- COVID-19 surge strains Alabama hospitals; employers can't require antibody testing, EEOC says
- East Alabama Medical Center expanding COVID-19 testing
- Encompass leader named among Modern Healthcare's Most Influential Clinical executives
- Hospitals in several Alabama cities now seeing all-time highs in coronavirus patients
- o 'ICUs are full, patients are dying': 3 Alabama counties see largest jump in weekly cases

ALASKA

- 3 test positive for COVID-19 at Alaska assisted living home
- o Alaska reports smallest daily COVID increase in almost two weeks



Alaska's daily COVID-19 count swings back up with 12 new cases after brief dip into single digits

ARIZONA

- o Arizona reaches new highs for COVID-19 hospitalizations as cases continue to spike
- Arizona hospitals have COVID-19 surge plans, but do they have the staffing and supplies?
- o Arizona hospital's nurses on front lines of COVID-19 fight
- o Banner Health NCMC nurses from Greeley travel to Arizona to help with COVID-19 response
- o Flagstaff hospital's nurses on front lines of COVID-19 fight
- 'I am taken aback': Here's why Arizona's COVID-19 trajectory is concerning
- o Phoenix-area ICU doctor: Hospital care to suffer if COVID-19 surge plans begin
- Industry Voices—How Arizona health systems went from competitors to collaborators to load-balance COVID-19 resources
- o Arizona medical community implores Gov. Ducey to mandate face masks
- Texas And Arizona Keep Setting Coronavirus Hospitalization Records
- Health Experts Link Rise In Arizona Coronavirus Cases To End Of Stay-At-Home Order
- COVID-19 hospitalizations continue to hit records as Arizona reports new high in cases
- o Christ says Arizona COVID-19 cases will rise before policies make impact

ARKANSAS

- o Arkansas posts largest one-day increase in coronavirus cases
- o Walmart to expand health centers to Arkansas this month
- o Arkansas Children's Hospital announces layoffs due to impact from COVID-19
- UAMS model shows COVID-19 peak of 150,000 cases in Arkansas Sept. 30
- Arkansas COVID-19 death toll passes 200; Gov. extends public health emergency order
- o Arkansas hospital's ED flooded, evacuated; patient charged with criminal mischief
- What the hospitalization rate tells us about COVID-19 in Arkansas
- Arkansas hospital warns of 'serious public health emergency' as COVID-19 cases climb

CALIFORNIA

- California hospital to open hand, reconstructive surgery center
- o Dozens of Patients Removed From Pasadena Nursing Home
- Long-term care facilities in California build booths to reunite families during pandemic
- o Kaiser Permanente experienced 5-hour computer system downtime: 4 details
- St. Mary Medical Center staff in Long Beach sue hospital administration



COLORADO

- Banner Health NCMC nurses from Greeley travel to Arizona to help with COVID-19 response
- o Children's Hospital Colorado ranked top hospital for pediatric GI, GI surgery
- Colorado Health Officials Prepare New Guidelines For Nursing Home Visitations
- Colorado hospital loses access to 5+ years of patient medical records in ransomware attack
- Colorado lawmakers want hospitals to allow visitors for COVID-19 patients
- No raises for UCHealth employees this year as hospital deals with coronavirus fallout
- o Parkview Medical Center wraps up \$70 million master plan work

CONNECTICUT

- o Experts: Steroid helps reduce coronavirus deaths
- o CT Children's Hospital Lands On Prestigious List
- Female Lawmakers Join Call To Investigate Nursing Homes
- COVID-19 care tent at Hartford Hospital to be taken down
- State fines six nursing homes amid COVID-19 pandemic

DC

- o Children's National gets high marks in latest US News rankings of pediatric hospitals
- o DC area healthcare organization honors its 2,500th patient to recover from COVID-19
- o Patient sues GW, alleging 'unnecessary' neurosurgery caused permanent injuries

DELAWARE

- ChristianaCare develops telehealth Employee COVID-19 Symptom Monitoring and Testing Program
- Long term care deaths from coronavirus rise
- o Telemedicine as a revenue generator: Big ideas from Beebe Healthcare CEO Dr. David Tam

FLORIDA

- Ascension names Hall successor as regional president
- ER changes at AdventHealth Ocala, hospital addresses COVID-19
- o Experts worry hospital space could soon be scarce in Florida
- o Florida finds no evidence of fraud by Miami hospital charging \$150 for COVID-19 tests
- Florida nearing its goal of testing all nursing home, assisted living residents and staff for COVID-19
- o Florida sees deaths from coronavirus at long-term care facilities break 1,500
- o Prominent health care CEO returns to region after six years to run nonprofit



- Nursing homes facing financial crisis during pandemic
- o Pensacola hospital CEOs: Current increase in COVID-19 patients is 'not alarming'
- Some Florida hospital staff not wearing masks, visitors say

GEORGIA

- Dr. Kimberly Mackey brings 24/7 neurosurgical care to Georgia hospital
- Emory, state of Georgia collaborate on COVID-19 response
- Georgia says 97 percent of nursing home residents have now been tested\
- Memorial Health Gets Approval to Build Two Freestanding Emergency Room

HAWAII

- Hawaii care homes have lowest national virus rate, official says
- Hawaii nursing homes have the lowest coronavirus infection rate in the U.S. with only ONE person testing positive as deaths in longterm care facilities nationwide reach 51,000

IDAHO

- o Idaho's Long-Term Care Centers Can Open To Visitors This Weekend Under New Guidelines
- Idaho senior living and long-term care communities ramp up COVID-19 protocols for visitors
- o Idaho's single-day coronavirus case count tops 100 for first time since early April
- o Idaho receives \$342K in grants to train health care workers in rural, underserved communities

ILLINOIS

- o 1st-Known U.S. Lung Transplant For COVID-19 Patient Performed In Chicago
- o Advocate Aurora, Beaumont Health Explore Healthcare Merger Deal
- Belleville nursing home leader describes managing region's largest coronavirus outbreak
- o Chicago healthcare workers see reduced pay, benefits in fallout from COVID-19
- o DeKalb Rehab and Nursing Center failed COVID-19 compliance check, didn't screen incoming visitors, says IDPH
- DeLoss Tapped as Illinois Association for Behavioral Health CEO
- o Encompass Health to build rehabilitation hospital in Chicago suburb
- o Family Of Joliet Nursing Home COVID-19 Victim Files Suit
- Illinois health consulting firm files for bankruptcy
- o Illinois health system furloughs 460 workers
- o Lurie Children's Hospital misses U.S. News top 10 list for second year in a row, but there's good news too
- Nursing home COVID-19 cases keep climbing in Illinois, though growth of new reported cases slowed
- Nursing home uses new method to connect residents with their families



- Second Lawsuit Filed Against Nursing Home Over Coronavirus Death
- Simon Hegele Healthcare Solutions Names James Nestel as New CEO
- Study puts Illinois near the bottom of states for pandemic health improvements
- o Symphony of Joliet sued over resident's coronavirus death: lawsuit

INDIANA

- o 2 dead in Indiana hospital shooting
- Baptist Health Floyd has a new president
- Care facilities worry about PPE this fall
- o Fairbanks Study: Fewer Active COVID-19 Cases in State
- o Franciscan Beacon Hospital to Open in LaPorte
- Hoosier Life Sciences Sector Highlighted for Growth
- IU Health to keep family liaisons beyond pandemic
- Medical Device Maker Announces New Leadership
- National Distinction Again Awarded to Riley Hospital
- Security guard killed patient, fellow guard during struggle at Indiana hospital, prosecutor says
- Senior care facilities report steady PPE now, but worry about the fall
- State Medical Association Launches PPE Program
- Union Health is expanding access of care by opening a new convenient care facility on Terre Haute's eastside

IOWA

- Jennie Edmundson Hospital opens \$18 million medical plaza
- University of Iowa Children's Hospital again ranked nationally, but loses some ground
- University of lowa doctor using blood test to detect leftover cancer DNA in patients
- o Barb Weber named UnityPoint Health-Trinity COO
- University of lowa hospital staffers reject proposal to cut pay, eliminate raises
- o Eagle View hospital in Bettendorf will offer new mental health options

KANSAS

- o Clearwater nursing home death toll now at 11 as former nursing director details problems
- o Kansas clinical research center enrolling volunteers in COVID-19 vaccine trial
- o Employees laid off at KU Health System St. Francis Campus
- Saint Luke's Health System facing budget cuts, furloughs for some employees
- Layoffs hit U of Kansas Health System



Kansas AG asking Google and Apple to police contract tracing apps

KENTUCKY

- Beshear says virus at a new plateau, and he will be guided by hospital data; modified nursing home visitation set for July 15
- Kindred Healthcare Expands Rehabilitation Services in Its Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals
- Norton Healthcare to invest more than \$20 million in underserved Louisville neighborhoods
- Signature Healthcare cuts 100 corporate jobs, cites pandemic
- Signature HealthCARE to test all staff members
- U of L licenses promising tech in Covid-19 fight

LOUISIANA

- ER reopening after 5 years under Louisiana COVID-19 contract
- Louisiana misses goal on virus testing at nursing homes
- Ochsner Hospital for Children named among the top 50 children's hospitals in the country, for the fourth year in a row
- LCMC Health CFO re-examines financial standing at the 2020 mid-point
- 'My deepest fear': What happens if hospitals, state face dual threat of hurricanes and coronavirus?
- Louisiana COVID-19 hospitalizations increase for a third straight day
- \$15.2 Million announced for Louisiana hospitals fighting COVID-19
- Here's how Louisiana doctors are using the drug that U.K. scientists tout for coronavirus
- Health officials not updating coronavirus numbers Thursday as state reviews data

MAINE

- o COVID-19 hospitalizations fall across the state, even in southern Maine
- o Portland medical device startup gets 'breakthrough' designation from FDA
- Widely cited health institute keeps missing the mark on Maine death projections
- COVID-19 advances what some call 'overdue' telehealth options for seniors
- o Pandemic takes staggering financial toll on Maine hospitals
- Daily virus tally is lowest in more than a month in Maine
- o Improving mental health care in Maine could save taxpayer dollars
- o \$52 million awarded to Maine safety net hospitals amid COVID-19

MARYLAND

- Dozens of Maryland nursing homes face fines for not reporting COVID-19 data
- o Johns Hopkins neurosurgeons perform novel spinal fusion using AR
- Maryland fines two dozen nursing homes for failing to report covid-19 information, reports deficiencies in others



New tent outside Sinai Hospital allows family to wait during loved one's surgeries

MASSACHUSETTS

- o Alira Health connects clinical research and real-world medical care through the acquisition of Care Factory, SAS
- Mass General Brigham cuts exec pay, projects \$2B in losses
- Man missing for a month found dead in stairwell of building on Massachusetts hospital campus
- Robotic-assisted surgery: Precision tools in the hands of the surgeon
- Mass. Reports 69 More Coronavirus Deaths, 266 New Cases
- Town-by-town coronavirus rates inch down; Massachusetts recovery rate tops 87%
- Nurses Renew Calls To Stop Cleaning, Reusing N95 Masks
- o Massachusetts is out of the coronavirus surge. But now officials have a different health care concern.

MICHIGAN

- 5 pharmacists from Michigan charged in \$12 million health care fraud scheme
- 4 metro Detroit doctors charged in \$41M opioid scheme
- Advocate Aurora, Beaumont Health Explore Healthcare Merger Deal
- Beaumont Health eyeing merger with out-of-state hospital system Advocate Aurora
- Beaumont Health in talks about creating multi-state health system
- Beaumont Health VP of Managed Care on driving value in the pandemic
- Health Partners Plans and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Announce Agreement
- Henry Ford Health, MSU partnership hinges on health sciences center governance structure
- McLaren Macomb Wayne and Joan Webber Emergency and Trauma Center
- MidMichigan Medical Centers receive Excellence in Healthcare Awards
- New nursing home testing requirements in Michigan put emphasis on future
- Northern Michigan hospitals weigh options as services reopen amid pandemic
- Nursing homes, tied to one-third of deaths, ordered to test
- Sinai-Grace nurses file lawsuit, allege patients died because hospital was short-staffed
- Spectrum Health announces spending increase dedicated to health and racial equity
- Spectrum Health Lakeland Sets Aside \$50 Million To Help Address Racial Equity
- Spectrum Health pledges \$100 million to address inequities in health care
- There's a pandemic and a physician shortage. In Michigan, more people are applying to med school
- Trinity Health gets \$600M in bailout funds, \$1.6B in Medicare loans

MINNESOTA



- Are COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota care homes really twice those of Wisconsin?
- Mayo Clinic ranked as the 'World's Best Hospital'
- 387 new COVID-19 cases with 19 additional deaths in Minnesota
- Long-awaited COVID-19 antiviral drug remdesivir arrives in Minnesota
- Minnesota meeting 3 of 5 COVID-19 targets
- Children's Minnesota ranks among Best Children's Hospitals in U.S. News & World Report
- The daily coronavirus update: Lowest number of new reported deaths since April
- COVID-19 risks loom as young adults re-enter public life in Minnesota
- Rural hospitals expect lasting financial burdens from the pandemic
- Health systems continue to call on COVID-19 survivors to fight the disease

MISSISSIPPI

- 7% of Mississippians have been tested for COVID-19, MSDH says
- Bill proposes Mississippi center to boost rural telehealth
- HCA to sell hospital, exit Mississippi

MISSOURI

- St. Louis hospitals report good news on COVID-19 indicators
- STL hospitals report only encouraging COVID-19 news on June 12
- St. Louis COVID-19 task force reports more than 2,500 patients discharged home
- COVID-19 live updates: Wyandotte County adds 62 cases, Johnson County reports new outbreak
- How a Rural Hospital Leveraged Health IT to Combat COVID-19
- Kansas City, Missouri, Health Department Director Says City Is In Second Wave of COVID-19

MONTANA

- o Billings hospitals report drop in vaccination rates amid pandemic
- Montana joins lawsuit against 20 drug manufactures for price fixing, conspiracy
- o Health providers tell Gov. Bullock Medicaid is critical to pandemic and beyond
- Montana reports 25 new COVID-19 cases

NEBRASKA

- Nebraska COVID-19 cases rise to 17,226, officials report 3 additional deaths
- o CHI Health launches affordable care initiative for patients affected by COVID-19
- CHI St. Elizabeth adds trauma center
- Grant to ease mental health service access



NEVADA

- Small percentage of hospital beds taken by COVID-19 patients in Las Vegas
- Nevada sees fourth-highest jump in COVID-19 testing, cases increase by more than 100 in 24-hour period
- Las Vegas health officials say uptick in COVID-19 cases is due to several factors

NEW HAMPSHIRE

- o Some NH long-term care centers will allow outdoor visits soon
- o Coronavirus Recoveries Break 4,000 In New Hampshire: Data
- Sunday COVID-19 update: Cases climb as N.H. opens up
- Upper Valley health care workers attuned to racial inequities
- o Racism, Hazing And Other Abuse Taints Medical Training, Students Say
- A third of LRGH workforce remains on furlough despite reopening

NEW JERSEY

- o 1 in 5 workers in N.J.'s biggest healthcare union got the coronavirus during pandemic, online poll says
- Jefferson Health New Jersey officially names Sweeney president and COO
- Medical Society of N.J. installs Dr. Kline as 228th president
- New Jersey lawmakers try to dig into why state failed to protect so many in nursing homes from COVID-19
- New Jersey still wrestles with visitations at nursing homes during pandemic
- Second COVID-19 lawsuit filed against Sussex nursing home where 78 have died
- Specialty Hospital of Central Jersey shows high recovery success during the COVID-19 pandemic
- WellCare to Invest in Critical Mental Health Resources in New Jersey

NEW MEXICO

- Health Care Service Corp. taps Epic for data exchange platform
- o Albuquerque Hospital's Secret Policy Separated Native American Newborns From Their Mothers
- New Mexico surpasses 10,000 cases of COVID-19
- Besieged hospital on edge of Navajo Nation fires CEO
- Christus St. Vincent nurses volunteer at hospitals in virus hot spots

NEW YORK

- o Glens Falls Hospital gets \$13 million shot in the arm but still has fiscal challenges
- o Long Island woman sues nursing home for negligence in mother's COVID-19 death
- New community clinic slated for physician-starved rural mountain region



- New York hospital to close maternity unit after 60 years
- New York hospitals, group homes can accept visitors again
- North Carolina extends CON filing dates, offers guidance on 2021 demand
- N.Y. Declares Victory on Nursing Home Staff Testing With COVID-19 Rates Under 1%
- o NYC Health + Hospitals warns of cash crunch without federal funds
- Undercover nurse: NY hospital didn't properly isolate coronavirus patients
- She Survived the Coronavirus. Then She Got a \$400,000 Medical Bill.
- Northwell Health launches patient-centered marketing campaign
- How NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 Hotline Drove Patient Outreach
- As states face mounting cases, how 1 NYC system managed COVID-19 surge
- o 3 lessons the U.S. can learn from New York's Covid-19 response

NORTH CAROLINA

- \$5B offer to North Carolina hospital gives it 'best of both worlds,' Novant CEO says
- A breakdown of 3 proposals for New Hanover Regional Medical Center
- Affiliation, lease, sale: New Hanover Regional committee hears visions for system's future
- Amidst COVID-19, some NC hospitals may soon run out of room
- Atrium Health announces new \$2 billion purchase offer for NHRMC
- Atrium Health bids \$3.1B for North Carolina hospital
- Atrium Health looking for help in testing underserved communities
- Atrium submits new \$2B bid to buy North Carolina hospital
- HCA receives \$1 billion in pandemic bailout funds. Where is the money going?
- How COVID-19 accelerated a hospital's telemedicine plans
- In rural areas, nurse shortage hinders fight against COVID-19
- NC sees record high in COVID-19 hospitalizations with over 800 patients
- New Hanover Regional Panel Weighs Options
- North Carolina hospitals defeat billing fraud lawsuit
- Partnership aims to increase primary care access for two Western North Carolina counties
- Rapid changes to health system spurred by COVID might be here to stay
- This company owns dozens of N.C. nursing homes rated substandard. At one, COVID has killed 19.

NORTH DAKOTA

Behavioral health providers concerned about future of telehealth



- Burgum encourages North Dakotans to get tested for COVID-19
- ND State Hospital modifies visitation policy to allow in-person visits

OHIO

- o Aultman Hospital, The Nord Center receive thousands in grant funding for telehealth
- Best Children's Hospitals In Ohio: U.S. News & World Report
- o COVID-19 testing for long-term care still lacking
- o Gundersen Health System Transforms Operations with Al Command Center
- Hospitals slowly lifting visitation restrictions in Central Ohio amid pandemic
- o OhioHealth continues to resume medical services with safety in mind
- Ohio hospitals to receive \$408M in COVID-19 funding
- Three Northeast Ohio pediatric hospitals rank among the best in the nation
- o Toledo at risk of losing UTMC if ProMedica takes over, says Mercy Health

OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma Sets Record for New COVID-19 Cases with 228, Tulsa County Pulling Away as Leader in Cases
- OSDH: COVID-19 hospitalizations increase in Oklahoma
- o OU Medical Center listed among 100 Great Hospitals in America
- Health Care Service Corp. taps Epic for data exchange platform
- Ascension St. John site of new clinical research trials for drug to potentially prevent COVID-19 or treat outpatient cases

OREGON

- o By the numbers: A look at Oregon's recent COVID-19 spike
- o Oregon to test all senior care workers and residents for coronavirus by Sept. 30
- o Oregon Health Authority 'Made An Error' In Reopening Data

PENNSYLVANIA

- o Best Children's Hospitals In PA: U.S. News & World Report
- Brighton Rehab to be fined for COVID outbreak
- o Butler Health System announces layoffs, furloughs
- o Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Independence Blue Cross strike 5-year deal
- o CHOP signs multi-year network provider agreement with Health Partners Plans
- o Facility fined \$62K for coronavirus response
- o Health Partners Plans and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Announce Agreement



- Investment firm makes bid for Ellwood City Medical Center
- Jefferson names new president for its New Jersey division
- o Pa. had quick-response plan to fight coronavirus in nursing homes. After 10 days, it was abandoned, advocate says
- Penn State Children's Hospital ranked among best children's hospitals for 10th consecutive year
- o Pennsylvania Nurses Applauding New Order Mandating Hospitals To Better Protect Health Care Workers From Coronavirus
- o Report: Children's Hospital Of Philadelphia Ranked No. 2 Children's Hospital In Country For Second Consecutive Year
- University of Pennsylvania Health System predicts loss of \$317 million in revenue by June 30
- o The COVID-19 rush never came to rural Pennsylvania, and empty hospitals are feeling the losses
- Tower Health to cut 1,000 jobs
- York County nursing home has big COVID-19 outbreak 48 cases since May 25

RHODE ISLAND

- Computer attack targets Care New England hospital group
- IT expert: Care New England IT crash most likely caused by ransomware
- RI lawmakers tap rainy day fund, federal COVID money to balance budget
- o R.I. reports 9 coronavirus deaths, 50 new cases
- o Care New England's computer system down due to data security incident

SOUTH CAROLINA

- o Health care system creating center of excellence in Charleston
- MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital ranked best in the Southeast
- o U.S. News & World Report nationally ranks MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital
- Record-breaking 987 new virus cases in South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Faces of the front line: Hospital workers rise to challenge during COVID-19 pandemic
- How much will Sioux Falls triage center cost and who's paying for it?
- o Encompass Health opens South Dakota location
- o 84 new COVID-19 cases confirmed in SD
- South Dakota COVID-19 cases near 6,000, but recoveries keep pace
- USD Sanford School of Medicine Names New Dean

TENNESSEE

As coronavirus cases rise, Tennessee leaders use hospitalization rate to make decisions



- Auditors: Cleveland-based nursing home chain 'improperly' submitted \$1 million in Medicaid expenses, including alcohol, parties, trips abroad
- Ballad Health implements Epic EHR for outpatient sites, to transition hospitals by Oct. 1
- Erlanger eliminates 11 leadership jobs
- HCA in the headlines 9 latest stories
- Highest-paid healthcare CEOs in the Nashville area HCA chief is No. 1
- Judge dismisses lawsuit accusing CHS of making EHR false claims
- New CEO for East Tennessee Children's Hospital
- Some Middle Tennessee nursing homes not reopening despite executive order

TEXAS

- Houston's health care systems turn to telemedicine to meet medical needs
- Post Acute Medical to build innovative behavioral health hospital in Sugar Land, Texas
- Tenet cites dramatic rebound of patient volume post COVID-19 slump
- DFW COVID-19 Hospitalizations Are Up 35 Percent Since Memorial Day
- With coronavirus cases climbing, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott says 'no real need' to scale back business reopenings
- Texas forms strike force to curb coronavirus in nursing homes
- More than \$2.1B in bailout funds go to CHS, Tenet, HCA and UHS
- Tenet sees patient volume returning, has \$2.7B excess cash
- Texas And Arizona Keep Setting Coronavirus Hospitalization Records
- Dallas County Approaching 15K Coronavirus Cases, 300 Deaths

UTAH

- o Former Merit Medical executive claims physician kickbacks in whistleblower lawsuit
- o How Intermountain Healthcare's new CIO plans to bolster transformation efforts, lead IT team through pandemic
- o Intermountain pauses 401(k) match
- o Utah's governor puts new COVID-19 health guidelines in place until June 26
- o Utah's hospitals faced revenue loss due to pandemic but avoided layoffs, officials say

VERMONT

- A Vermont nursing home's 64-day COVID siege: 'They're all going to die'
- o House approves \$300 million health care package; Senate approves budget
- Pandemic tests Vermont health care reform efforts
- o Coronavirus: Gov. Scott allows limited visits at Vermont nursing and senior homes
- o Outbreak aside, Vt. health officials say state remains on path to reopening



- The Coronavirus Pandemic Weighs Heavily on Chronically III Vermonters
- VDH COVID-19 Update: Zero new cases, school guidelines released

VIRGINIA

- Over 7,200 COVID-19 patients now discharged from Virginia hospitals
- Valley Health welcomes new president, CEO
- o Virginia Hospital Center CEO postpones retirement

WASHINGTON

- o \$1.74 billion bond measure to expand Harborview Medical Center likely headed to November ballot
- UW Medicine, Cigna to terminate contract
- o UW Medicine shuts down psychiatric unit amid financial shortfall

WEST VIRGINIA

- Discussions ongoing to find ways to use BRMC, keep ER
- WVU Medicine to open 10-bed hospital by end of June

WISCONSIN

- 28 Wisconsin nursing homes report COVID-19 deaths, federal data says
- Advocate Aurora, Beaumont Health Explore Healthcare Merger Deal
- Are COVID-19 deaths in Minnesota care homes really twice those of Wisconsin?
- Ascension Wisconsin announces plans for reintroducing non-urgent services
- Ascension Wisconsin requiring screenings, use of face masks in updated visitor procedures
- DHS to offer Wisconsin hospitals \$40 million to offset COVID-19 losses
- Gov. Evers designates \$40 million from CARES Act to Wisconsin hospitals
- SSM Health resumes services at four locations
- Wisconsin Hospital Association: Statement on COVID-19 hospital funding
- Wisconsin hospitals report fewest coronavirus patients in two months as state adds 174 new cases
- Wisconsin to Give \$40 Million in Aid to Hospitals

WYOMING

- Wyoming eases visitation restrictions on long-term care facilities
- Daily Wyoming coronavirus update: 30 new cases, 8 new recoveries
- Wyoming sees statewide spike in COVID-19 cases
- Supreme Court reverses Wyoming State Hospital wrongful death case



Mass testing underway after worker tests positive at Wyoming assisted living center