

## DICON Weekly Update: 11/30/2020

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### DICON/DASON Symposium:

Video recordings for the DICON/DASON Virtual Symposium are now available [here](#). For the time being, this page is public to keep access simple for our member hospitals.

### COVID-19 Tracker & Statistics:

Duke University Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

UNC Health Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

NC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

SC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

GA DPH Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

VA DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

WV DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

FL DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

Johns Hopkins Global Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

### COVID-19 Guidance & Resources:

DICON website [here](#).

CDC website [here](#).

### Network News:

- **Dev Anderson, MD (DICON/DASON)** was awarded a CDC contract “to evaluate COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness in Duke Healthcare providers”.
- **Libby Dodds Ashley, PharmD (DASON)** was recognized as fellow in the (SIDP) Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists. This distinction recognizes significant and sustained excellence and contributions to Infectious Diseases and the mission of SIDP.

### FDA:

FDA Authorizes First COVID-19 Test for Self-Testing: The FDA issued an EUA for the Lucira COVID-19 All-In-One Test Kit, a molecular (real-time loop mediated amplification reaction) single-use test. The test has been authorized for home use with self-collected nasal swab samples from individuals (age 14+) who are suspected of COVID-19 by their healthcare provider. [Read the FDA announcement](#).

**CDC:**

Last week, the CDC provided several holiday updates. Guidance includes tips for [Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings](#) and [wearing masks while using public transportation](#).

With several vaccine candidates filing and expecting to file for emergency use authorizations (EUAs), the CDC has updated some of its resources for healthcare personnel. The information posted on the CDC website provides some insight into the vaccine approval process, the realities of distribution, and facts about the vaccine.

- [How CDC Is Making COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations](#)
- [10 Things Healthcare Professionals Need to Know about U.S. COVID-19 Vaccination Plans](#)
- [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

**OSHA:**

OSHA Releases Protection Guidance for LTC Employees: OSHA issued [respiratory protection guidance](#) for long-term care employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. The document provides guidance on the different types of masks employees may wear and when it is appropriate to use them.

**Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:**

- [Implementation and Process of a COVID-19 Contact Tracing Initiative: Leveraging Health Professional Students to Extend the Workforce During a Pandemic](#)
- [Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales outbreak: Another dark side of COVID-19](#)
- [Stopping the routine use of contact precautions for management of MRSA and VRE at three academic medical centers: An interrupted time series analysis](#)
- [Universal pandemic precautions—An idea ripe for the times](#)

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