

## DICON Weekly Digest: 12/28/2020

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### NEW DICON Program:

DICON is pleased to announce a new service: the [DICON Remote Surveillance Program](#). This program will allow for remote, comprehensive surveillance activities for HAIs, epidemiologically significant organisms, and submission of data to NHSN. Contact your local DICON IP liaison for further information on how we can assist with remote surveillance services.

### 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](#).

### COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker:

NYT Vaccine Tracker [here](#).

### CDC:

- COCA Call: COVID-19 Vaccines: Update on Allergic Reactions, Contraindications, and Precautions. Wednesday, December 30, 2020, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST. For registration, click [here](#).
- Replay of the NHSN Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Modules for Long Term Care Facilities. Tuesday, December 29, 2020 1230 -1:30PM EST. Click [here](#) for registration.
- [Evidence Table for COVID-19 Vaccines Allocation in Phases 1b and 1c of the Vaccination Program](#)
- [The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' Updated Interim Recommendation for Allocation of COVID-19 Vaccine — United States, December 2020](#)

### Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:

- FROM THE DICON TEAM: [Universal masking is an effective strategy to flatten the severe acute respiratory coronavirus virus 2 \(SARS-CoV-2\) healthcare worker epidemiologic curve](#)
- [Aspergillosis Complicating Severe Coronavirus Disease](#)
- [Variation in US Hospital Mortality Rates for Patients Admitted With COVID-19 During the First 6 Months of the Pandemic](#)
- [Optimal cycle thresholds for COVID-19 screening – ROC-based methods highlight between-study differences](#)

- [Decreased COVID-19 Mortality—A Cause for Optimism](#)
- [Decrease in Enteroviral Meningitis - An Unexpected Benefit of COVID-19 Mitigation?](#)
- [Evaluating the Efficacy of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2: Implications for Vaccines](#)
- [Impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic on Outpatient Antibiotic Prescriptions in the United States](#)
- [Prevalence of Co-Infection at the Time of Hospital Admission in COVID-19 Patients, A Multicenter Study](#)

**Do you have a suggestion for a new FAQ, position statement, or newsletter?**

Reach out [here](#) or discuss with your DICON IP liaison.