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COVID-19 Resources Available

To help navigate the challenges of the evolving health care environment, the Society has made available various webpages and resources, including:

- [An STS-supported guidance document](#)—published in *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*—that provides a framework for minimizing exposure and prioritizing congenital heart surgery during this crisis period
 - [An STS National Database COVID-19 Updates page](#) that shares COVID-related updates regarding delayed harvests, public reporting, and data collection
 - [A COVID-19 Resources page](#) that includes relevant information and resources from a variety of organizations and entities
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Access Database Transition Resources, Webinars

Beta testing is almost complete for the CHSD component of the next generation STS National Database. In order to help make the transition to the new database platform as seamless as possible, the Society has available a number of resources for you to use, including webinars that you can join to learn about Database updates and user group calls during which you can share your experiences, ideas, and feedback. View the [STS National Database Webinars page](#) for the complete schedule. How-to videos, uploader instructions, and FAQs are available on the [Database Transition Resources page](#) of the STS website.

Data Collection Updates

The latest training manual (v3.41)—published on the [CHSD Data Collection page](#)—was revised in April and contains important information to help with data abstraction. Updates are posted at the beginning of each month. (Note: The updates are shown as bookmarks and are easily seen using Internet Explorer. If you prefer to use Google Chrome or another browser, you may have to download the PDF and open the bookmarks manually in Adobe Acrobat.)

Save the Date

The [2020 Advances in Quality & Outcomes \(AQO\) Meeting](#) will be held virtually this year. More information will be available soon. Data managers and STS National Database participants are encouraged to begin thinking about quality improvement projects that can be completed over the next few months so that the results can be submitted as abstracts. Abstract submission will begin in the next few weeks. If you are interested in being a presenter or helping plan AQO, please contact Emily Conrad at econrad@sts.org.



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