The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

June 8 deadline for next round of remdesivir distribution data
The next deadline for submitting data to inform HHS' distribution of its supply of remdesivir is 7 pm Monday, June 8. HHS is requesting the same data as last month's remdesivir request: the number of currently hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and of those hospitalized, the number requiring placement in intensive care units.

Hospitals should again submit the data using the HHS TeleTracking web portal. See AHA's May 11 Special Bulletin for additional details on what specific data to submit and how to enter it into TeleTracking. Registered users of TeleTracking received an email announcing this next round of data collection.

For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, call TeleTracking Technical Support at 877-570-6903.

CMMI issues summary of COVID-19-related adjustments for alternative-payment models
The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation today announced several COVID-19-related modifications to current and future CMMI alternative-payment models. The adjustments are captured in a summary table and are related to the models' financial methodologies, quality reporting requirements and timelines.

Deadline set for Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program hardship exceptions
The deadline for eligible hospitals to apply for Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program hardship exceptions is Tuesday, Sept. 1. This deadline has been extended from Wednesday, July 1.

The application for eligible hospitals is available here. Previously registered users should already have account access and new users can create an account by visiting QualityNet and selecting “Register.”

For more information, click here. For more information on the Promoting Interoperability Programs, visit the Promoting Interoperability Programs website.

HHS updates CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs
Tuesday, June 2, HHS made several updates to their CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs, including information about costs eligible for reimbursement. Click here for the most-recent FAQs information.

CEO update call
The next CEO update call is scheduled from 1-2 pm Wednesday, June 17. Register here.
Free webinar opportunities

- 10-11 am Thursday, June 4, COVID-19 Relief Funding/Recovery Management. Geared for hospitals and health care systems seeking to leverage federal funding opportunities for COVID-19 financial recovery, this webinar by Hagerty Consulting provides advice and help with short-term liquidity and long-term recovery funding. The company’s experience includes understanding how the suite of federal recovery programs facilitates a comprehensive recovery in a community. Register here.

- Noon-1 pm, Thursday, June 4, Noons in June: Leading Culture in Times of Crisis. Communication and culture expert Hannah Ubl will help attendees understand that the best ways to lead in hard times can be the difference between a culture of isolation and misunderstanding, and one of connection, unity and, perhaps most importantly, calm. Register here.

- 2-3 pm Tuesday, June 9, The Times They are a-Changing: Thriving in Uncertainty. For the health of our communities, it is important for health care workers to thrive and succeed. But COVID-19 places additional stressors on health care workers. This webinar provides information and practical tools that health care workers can use to improve patient care by improving the resilience and well-being of employees and their employers. Register here.

- 11 am-Noon Wednesday, June 10, COVID-19 Investment Implications for Health Care Organizations. Speakers will share valuable insights into the macroeconomic and capital markets and offer views on where areas of investment risk and opportunity may lie. They also will discuss the investment implications of COVID-19 and best practices for managing health care investment funds in a time of uncertainty. Register here.