

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

FDA revokes authorization for antibody test

The FDA last week revoked its emergency-use authorization for a SARS-CoV-2 antibody test made by Autobio Diagnostics because of concerns about the accuracy of the test when evaluated at the National Institutes of Health's Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research.

"Specifically, the agency has concluded that it is unlikely that this test is effective in detecting SARS-COV-2 IgM antibodies and that the known and potential benefits of its use do not outweigh the known and potential risks," the agency said.

Using AI to deliver safer care during COVID-19

As hospitals deal with COVID-19 cases while providing care for other conditions and needs, demonstrating the highest levels of infection control is critical to reassuring patients their health and safety are paramount, and they are safe in seeking hospital care.

With autonomous monitoring, hospitals can achieve patient care and infection control goals. Care.ai has developed a contactless temperature screening tool that quickly and easily scans everyone who comes into a facility for an elevated temperature. The point-of-entry screening gives hospitals a tool to safely identify potentially infectious patients and take appropriate actions.

The Care.ai autonomous monitoring platform also can create "self-aware" patient rooms to detect changes or variations in patient status or lack of movement and alert staff. With autonomous patient monitoring, staff can conserve personal protective equipment and minimize potential infection exposure while ensuring patients get the care they need.

Care.ai is one of the companies on IHA's COVID-19 resource list of solutions for addressing operational and financial challenges facing hospitals through COVID-19. More information about the Care.ai tools, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions, email [Jake Kercheval](#) or [Reagon Worthington](#).

CEO update call

The next CEO update call is scheduled from **1-2 pm Wednesday, Aug. 26**. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Educational opportunities

- **11:30 am-Noon Thursday, Aug. 13, Rethinking Virtual Care During COVID-19** – From supporting fewer than 5,000 visits annually pre-pandemic to more than 5,000 visits per day at the height of the COVID-19 surge, the Brigham Virtual Care team grew a boutique service to become an indispensable part of everyday care. In this webinar hosted by the Massachusetts Hospital Association, panelists will discuss their front-line experience in managing the rapid expansion of

services to patients and providers. Additionally, learn how the team is rethinking telemedicine access in ambulatory, inpatient and global contexts. Register [HERE](#).

- **Noon-1 pm Thursday, Aug. 20, Leadership and Resiliency: Navigating Through and Beyond COVID-19 – Win When: The 21st Century Challenges of Health Equity** – From broken community partnerships to diminished funding, how do we overcome the 21st century challenges of health equity? This presentation motivates clinicians, researchers and health care leaders to explore the role, recognition and remediation of inequity in medicine. The presentation also teaches health care providers and biomedical researchers how to clinically confront the deadly "isms" that prevent quality care and public wellness. This session, and the entire series, is complimentary. Register [HERE](#).
- **2-3 pm Tuesday, Sept. 1, Implementing a Successful Rural Telemedicine Program** – This webinar will examine the value and benefit of inpatient telemedicine programs, with an emphasis on its use in rural hospitals. The Access Physicians team will discuss specific subspecialties that can be provided through telemedicine to help hospitals retain patients, improve clinical outcomes and be financially successful. The presentation also will provide a road map to implementing those programs. Register [HERE](#).
- **9 am-5 pm Tuesday, Sept. 15, 14th Annual IHERF Swinging for Scholars and IHA All-district Meeting, Tournament Club of Iowa, Polk City, Iowa** – This year, IHA's primary fundraiser for the Iowa Hospital Education and Research Foundation Health Care Careers Scholarship Fund will include IHA's annual statewide district meeting in the morning, before golfing. ***The health and safety of our members, sponsors and staff are the utmost importance. IHA will continue to monitor conditions and will adjust plans as the situation dictates. On the golf course, we will comply with physical distancing and other guidelines in effect in September to ensure everyone's safety.*** The all-district meeting will include an overview of recent IHA board discussions about:
 - Advancing diversity in health care professions.
 - IHA through and beyond COVID-19.
 - Improving health equity.
 - Iowa's hospitals through and beyond COVID-19.

For more information or to register, click [HERE](#).

- **2-3 pm Thursday, Sept. 17, Gratitude: The Path to Resilience, Well-being and Joy** – Gratitude isn't just a practice that makes one feel good. It can boost resilience, improve sleep, be a buffer against anxiety and depression, and reduce burnout in health care professionals. This webinar will explore meditation, journaling and expressive art practices designed to cultivate gratitude and boost resilience. Attendees also will learn how gratitude can enhance on-the-job effectiveness. Register [HERE](#).
- **8:30 am-12:30 pm Friday, Sept. 18, Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Conference** – The society's fall conference provides education to promote quality patient care, optimize facilities for the COVID-19 environment and prepare for health care's future through improved engineering practices. Register [HERE](#).

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