

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### President signs executive order on rural health, telehealth access

On Aug. 3, President Trump signed an [executive order](#) on “improving rural health and telehealth access,” with directives to:

- Create a report describing policy initiatives to improve rural health.
- Develop and implement a strategy to improve rural health care infrastructure.
- Launch a new payment model for rural health care.
- Propose regulation that would extend certain telehealth flexibilities.

### Due dates for cost reports extended

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Provider Cost Audit Unit has extended the due dates of cost reports following the revised guidance issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Click [HERE](#) for a list of cost report fiscal year ends, the original cost report due date and the extended cost report due date.

This is a blanket extension; providers do not need to submit written requests. If cost reports are completed sooner, they can be submitted any time before the extended due dates.

If you have any questions, call the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise Provider Cost Audit and Rate Setting Unit at 866-863- 8610, locally in Des Moines at 515-256-4610, or by email at [costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:costaudit@dhs.state.ia.us).

### COVID-19 community education videos in several languages now available

The University of Iowa’s College of Public Health has put together a [series of videos](#) in various languages about COVID-19 for community members. Languages are English, French, Spanish and Swahili.

### Webinar opportunities

- **Noon-1 pm Thursday, Aug. 6, Leadership and Resiliency: Navigating Through and Beyond COVID-19 – How Hospitals and Health Systems Can Lead a “Quiet Revolution” for Healing During a Pandemic –** This presentation is led by Dayna Bowen Matthew, JD, PhD, dean for George Washington University Law School. Her career has focused on racial disparities in health care and she’ll examine the role health providers can play in increasing health equity. This session, and the entire series, is complimentary. Register [HERE](#).
- **2-3 pm Thursday, Aug. 6, Cultivating Good Health Through Personal Vitality: Developing Resilience for Personal and Professional Well-being –** This webinar will discuss the fundamentals of resilience and long-term strategies for developing a resilient core. Participants will examine the value of developing a flexible mindset and focusing on the positive when all around seems negative. Participants will learn how to conduct a resilience assessment and create a support system when facing challenges. Register [HERE](#).

- **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](#).

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