

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### HHS revises COVID-19 daily data-reporting process

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today announced significant changes to hospitals' processes to comply with the agency's request for daily data reporting on bed capacity, utilization, personal protective equipment and in-house laboratory testing data. The most-significant changes are:

- **Data fields** – HHS has made significant updates to the data fields reported daily. For example, HHS is asking for information on both pediatric and adult patients, and it is asking hospitals for information about their inventory of remdesivir. HHS stresses the importance of daily reporting the requested data to inform their response to the pandemic, including the allocation of supplies and treatments. In addition, HHS will no longer seek one-time requests for data to aid in the distribution of remdesivir or any other treatments or supplies. The daily reporting is the only mechanism used for distribution calculations.
- **Reporting options** – The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network COVID-19 module will no longer be an option for daily data reporting starting Wednesday, July 15. Hospitals are asked to use another reporting option to fulfill the data-reporting request, that can include reporting data to their state health departments or reporting through the HHS TeleTracking portal.

### IDPH updates remdesivir status

According to the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), Gilead began charging hospitals today for access to remdesivir. The amount is approximately \$3,200 for a six-vial course of treatment. IDPH will continue to use hospital-supplied data to help direct allocations of this drug to areas of the state where hospital admissions and ventilator use suggest it can be most useful. When a hospital is identified for a need-based distribution according to this data, hospital or hospital system representatives will be given an opportunity to confirm or modify the amount of product it wishes to receive.

IDPH has contacted hospital and health systems that have received free allocations of the drug thus far and provided information for the order and purchase-confirmation process. If hospitals have questions about accessing remdesivir, email [Cassie Kennedy](#) at IDPH.

### CEO update call

The next CEO update call is scheduled from **1-2 pm Wednesday, July 29**. Register [here](#).

### Free webinar opportunities

- 1-2 pm Tuesday, July 14, ***How COVID-19 is Changing the World for Hospitals***. Drawing on Kaufman Hall's proprietary data, analysis and CEO interviews, this complementary webinar will quantify the effects on hospital volumes, revenues and

margins. The presentation will also review the changes to the hospital competitive landscape, outline strategic scenarios for hospitals based on their pre- and post-COVID conditions, and will address methods of planning through uncertainty. Robert Fromberg, chief communications officer of consulting with Kaufman Hall will serve as faculty. Before joining Kaufman Hall, Fromberg was vice president and editor-in-chief at HFMA. He also previously held leadership roles at ACHE. Register [here](#).

- 2-3 pm Tuesday, July 14, **Optimizing COVID-19 Financial Cost Recovery**. In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, funding streams from various sources have been made available with different guidelines for eligible uses and reporting requirements. This complimentary webinar will provide a big picture view of the various funding options available to health care institutions from agencies, including Federal Emergency Management Agency, and focus on how hospitals and other health care facilities can develop a recovery strategy that optimizes the use of their available recovery dollars. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, July 15, **Returning to Work: A Comprehensive Protection System in Response to COVID-19**. This webinar discusses the specifics of practical, real-world return-to-work programs implemented on behalf of large, small and mid-sized employers. It provides a full playbook of steps/resources to use and customize for your facility, from temperature checks to quarantine plans, to overall plan implementation, staffing, monitoring and management. Register [here](#).

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