

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### **Gov. Reynolds signs new proclamation continuing public health emergency**

Gov. Kim Reynolds has signed a new proclamation continuing the [public health disaster emergency](#) for another 30 days. The proclamation extends public health mitigation measures for businesses and other establishments.

The proclamation also extends many of the previously issued regulatory relief measures necessary to respond to this public health disaster, including those related to health care, professional licensure, educational workforce and expirations of driver's licenses.

The proclamation is now in effect until **11:59 pm Sunday, Aug. 23**.

### **White House releases executive orders aimed at addressing high drug prices**

President Trump has signed three executive orders aimed at lowering the price of prescription drugs. The first executive order seeks to pass federally qualified health center insulin and EpiPen discounts directly to their patients. The second executive order directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to act on the importation and re-importation of prescription drugs from foreign countries. The third executive order calls for the drug manufacturer rebates and discounts traditionally negotiated by and given to pharmacy benefit managers to be passed directly to patients when buying their medicine.

### **CEO update call**

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

### **NHSC new-site application deadline extended**

The deadline for the [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) New Site Application](#) has been extended to 10:59 pm Tuesday, Aug. 4. Clinicians at NHSC-approved sites can take advantage of [loan repayment](#) opportunities and other recruitment resources like the [Health Workforce Connector](#) and [Virtual Job Fairs](#).

### **COVID Recovery Iowa offers free counseling and support services**

COVID Recovery Iowa provides a variety of services to anyone affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Virtual counselors offer counseling, activities and referral information, and help find resources for any Iowan seeking personal support.

Iowans of all ages may join groups online for activities and learn creative strategies for coping with the effects of the pandemic. Visit COVID Recovery Iowa's [website](#) for upcoming programs to help Iowans build coping skills, resilience and emotional support.

### **Updated rural health information available from IDPH**

[Updated information](#) about COVID-19 and its effect on rural communities is available from the Iowa Department of Public

Health. New information is added regularly on the [Iowa Department of Public Health COVID-19 page](#), and discover the latest resources, maps and information about COVID-19 on [coronavirus.iowa.gov](https://coronavirus.iowa.gov).

## Communicating From Behind the Mask

11:30 am-12:30 pm Thursday, July 30

This complimentary webinar will focus on the story of communication among a patient, his family and his physician during his almost two-month battle against COVID-19. Barbara Burnes, director of the workforce development and service excellence departments at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia, will give participants tips for communicating behind the mask. Register [HERE](#).

A banner with a background of a virus particle. On the left, the text reads "Click here for the latest COVID-19 Resources" in large, bold, black font. On the right is the Iowa Hospital Association logo, which consists of a stylized 'H' with three red and white stripes, followed by the text "IOWA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" and the tagline "We care about Iowa's health" in a smaller, italicized font.

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