

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### IDPH provides reopening guidance

As more Iowa businesses began reopening today, the Iowa Department of Public Health made available [general guidance](#) for all businesses and more-specific direction for businesses that provide [direct client services](#).

### Interim final rule released for long-term care facilities

Last week, CMS released their [Interim Final Rule Updating Requirements for Notification of Confirmed and Suspected COVID-19 Cases Among Residents and Staff in Nursing Homes](#). This interim final rule outlines COVID-19 infection control, surveillance and reporting requirements for nursing homes and long-term care facilities. It also details updates to the COVID-19 Focused Survey for Nursing Homes and includes information about long-term care facility requirements for reporting confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19.

### CMS proposes FY21 policies and payment updates for acute and long-term care

In recognition of the significant impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency, CMS has limited annual rulemaking requirements to focus on essential policies. Of note to rural hospitals, CMS will delay a proposed update to the Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating methodology. CMS will return to this topic in future rulemaking. CMS also is proposing to expand the definition of displaced resident under the Graduate Medical Education policy to provide greater flexibility. Read more [here](#).

### New telehealth resources available

Two telehealth resources were recently made available:

- [Best Practices in Adoption of Telehealth: COVID 19 and Beyond Mini-Series](#): These [Project ECHO](#) sessions teach health care providers the best methods of providing care to patients through telemedicine consultations.
- [Medicare Coverage and Payment of Virtual Services](#): This video provides answers to common questions about the expansion of Medicare telehealth services in response to COVID-19. It includes a discussion of changes as they relate to rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers. A transcript is available by clicking the dots above the Subscribe tab, then selecting Open Transcript.

### CEO update call

The next hospital CEO call is scheduled from 1-2 pm Wednesday, May 20. Click [here](#) to register.

### Free webinar opportunities

- 2-3 pm Monday, May 18, ***The Hospital CFO's Role in Leading Through the COVID-19 Crisis***. What is the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on today's CFO, accounting and finance professionals in the nonprofit sector? What do we need to do to keep ourselves strong and calm through these turbulent times? How can we see opportunities through this fog of uncertainty and lead our organizations through this crisis? This webinar will provide an update on the major legislation

affecting organizations. It will outline the key steps to stabilize organizations now and position them for future success. Register [here](#).

- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 20, **COVID-19 Funding Sources for Hospitals**. The CARES Act includes several sources of funds for health care providers, including general and targeted distributions under the \$100 billion in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, the Small Business Administration's Payroll Protection Program and the Federal Reserve Emergency Lending Program. This webinar provides an overview of the terms and conditions for receipt of the CARES Act funds as well as other statutory conditions that health care providers understand. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 20, **Inspiration Speakers Series: Kenyon Salo, What is 'The Bucket List Life?'** Salo is one of the top keynote speakers and trainers in the fields of motivation, inspiration and adventure. One of only five members on the Denver Broncos Thunderstorm Skydive Team, he is seen each week flying into the Denver Broncos Stadium at more than 60 mph, ending with a soft tip-toe landing on the 10-yard line. He brings to the stage more than 20 years of successful audience engagement through humor, awe-inspiring moments, prolific storytelling and edge-of-the-seat content. Register [here](#).
- 2-3 pm Wednesday, May 20, **Working With Change**. We live in a turbulent world. Change is the only constant. Health care organizations can either embrace it or shy away and become obsolete. This webinar will help participants prepare for and understand the dynamics of change. Participants will learn the steps of individual and organizational change as well as how they can become more resilient in times of change. Register [here](#).
- 9-10 am Thursday, May 21, **Lessons Learned From COVID-19 and the Future of Health Care Design**. This panel session evaluates lessons learned to date from COVID-19. Leadership from engineering consultants IMEG explains what was done to prepare for a pandemic inpatient surge nationwide, what has been learned from those activities and how this pandemic will mold the design of health care going forward. Register [here](#).
- 11 am-Noon Tuesday, May 26, **Emerging Physician Recruiting and Retention Paradigms During and Post-COVID-19**. This presentation will review the emerging methods that hospitals, medical groups and other health care facilities are using to retain and recruit medical staff during COVID-19 as well as factors that should be considered as we emerge from the crisis. The program includes original data from a physician survey conducted by Merritt Hawkins in collaboration with The Physicians Foundation that tracks how physicians are being affected by and are responding to COVID-19. 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](#).

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