

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

HHS extends deadline for attestation, acceptance of terms and conditions

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has [extended the deadline](#) for health care providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund and accept the [terms and conditions](#).

Providers now will have 90 days, increased from 45 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the terms and conditions or return the funds. With the extension, not returning the payment within 90 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the terms and conditions.

Iowa DHS launches free virtual counseling sessions for Iowans

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) has received nearly \$1 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to offer free counseling to any Iowan who has been affected by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The [COVID Recovery Iowa](#) program is available starting today. Counseling takes place by virtual sessions, chat or telephone call. People of all ages may join groups online to find support and learn new strategies to cope with the effects of the pandemic in a variety of ways. DHS has contracted with five providers throughout the state for counseling, virtual activities, referrals and help finding resources. COVID Recovery Iowa will announce additional programs in the coming weeks to help Iowans build coping skills and resilience. For more information, visit the [COVID Recovery website](#).

State provides cloth masks for Hy-Vee and Fareway to distribute for free

The Iowa Department of Public Health provided 75,000 cloth masks to Hy-Vee to distribute to customers at more than 125 of their Iowa grocery stores and drugstores, and 35,000 cloth masks to Fareway for distribution through 108 of their stores. Cloth masks will be available for free at each store on a first-come, first-served basis. Masks were donated in partnership with HanesBrands, the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control.

CEO update call

The next CEO update call is scheduled from **1-2 pm Wednesday, June 3**. Register [here](#).

Free webinar opportunities

- 10-11 am Thursday, May 28, ***The Philanthropy Impact on Health Care Organizations During the COVID-19 Crisis and Beyond***. Although hospitals are strained with new protocols and financial concerns, the community is reaching out to help in unprecedented numbers. This webinar will justify philanthropy as a supplemental revenue source by sharing the philanthropic return on investment. Register [here](#).
- 2-3 pm Thursday, May 28, Changing the Role of the Physician Liaison. The role of the liaison has always been crucial, but it's changing. Join Healthgrades' Coronavirus Town Hall panelists for a discussion about how the role evolves into an even

more strategic asset. Register [here](#).

- 9-10 am Friday, May 29, **Risk Management and Returning Volunteers**. This webinar will focus on issues specific to volunteers returning to facilities following COVID-19 and how to address issues specific to this process. It will include a discussion of the categories of volunteers, wage-hour concerns and safety issues. It also will focus on practical questions such as training and consents. Register [here](#).
- 10-11 am Tuesday, June 2, **Access Physicians' Telemedicine Services**. ServiShare partner Access Physicians will discuss its approach to working with hospitals to build and scale financially sustainable telemedicine programs. The webinar will focus on a telemedicine program's ability to increase revenue, deliver high-quality patient outcomes, and enhance staff satisfaction and professional development. 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](#).
- 11 am-Noon Wednesday, June 10, **COVID-19 Investment Implications for Health Care Organizations**. Speakers will share valuable insights into the macroeconomic and capital markets and offer views on where areas of investment risk and opportunity may lie. They also will discuss the investment implications of COVID-19 and best practices for managing health care investment funds in a time of uncertainty. Register [here](#).

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