

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

AHA provides resource for resuming health care services

The AHA's Task Force on Coronavirus Recovery recently compiled resources for hospital leaders to consider as they work to safely return to providing comprehensive health services to their communities. [COVID-19 Pathways to Recovery](#) includes a set of questions and checklists, and covers critical areas such as workforce, testing and contact tracing, internal and external communications, and supply chain. These sections will be updated as new information develops, and additional areas will be added soon. Email [Michelle Hood](#) with any feedback or questions.

CEO update call

The next hospital CEO call is scheduled from 1-2 pm Wednesday, May 6. Click [here](#) to register.

Iowa hospital data trends released

IHA has collected Iowa hospital data trends for March 2020 compared to March 2019. [This analysis](#) is the first look at the dramatic impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on Iowa hospitals. Elective surgeries were put on hold the second week of March as hospitals began preparing to care for patients diagnosed with COVID-19. For this report, 97 Iowa hospitals provided data:

- Acute discharges decreased 14.2%.
- Acute patient days decreased 12.8%.
- Ambulatory surgery visits (hospital-based) decreased 25.9%.
- Births decreased 3.1%.
- Charity care decreased 1.5%.
- Emergency department visits decreased 22.1%.
- Employment increased 10.6%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department decreased 11%.
- Inpatient surgeries decreased 21.3%.
- Medicaid acute discharges decreased 9.9%.
- Medicaid acute patient days decreased 11.5%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) decreased 11.9%.
- Outpatient utilization decreased 13%.
- The average length of stay increased 1.6%.
- Total expenses increased 4.6%.
- Uncompensated care (bad debts) decreased 24.3%

Contact [Allison Martin](#) at IHA with any questions.

AHA tools help visualize hospital bed capacity

Two new AHA dashboards are designed to help visualize the nation's hospital bed capacity. The COVID-19 Bed Occupancy Projection Tool shows:

- Facility locations with results tailored by poverty and uninsured rates.
- Potential bed shortages by state in various scenarios.
- Share of beds occupied by non-COVID patients.
- Total hospital beds and adult intensive care unit beds by state, health referral region and health service area.

The People Per Hospital Bed Map shows population per bed as a measure of capacity for adult beds and adult ICU beds.

Free webinar opportunities

- 10-11 am Wednesday, May 6, **Telehealth – During and After COVID-19**. This program is an overview of technological, legal, regulatory and liability aspects of telehealth in the context of the COVID-19 emergency. Updated with new regulatory information specific to the COVID-19 emergency declaration, this session is a general introduction to telehealth. It reviews technical, legal, ethical, regulatory and liability implications. It discusses platforms, consent, standards of care, security and documentation requirements and gives some approaches to evolving best practices. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 6, **Inspiration Speakers Series: AmyK, Leading and Communicating in Turbulent Times**. A former executive of a billion-dollar global consumer products company and an award-winning international speaker, AmyK is a catalyst for producing sustainable solutions to a leader's most-pressing challenges. More than 50,000 executives in more than 10 countries have benefited from her keen insight and intuitive understanding of the issues leaders face. Register [here](#).
- 2-3 pm Wednesday, May 6, **Finding Meaning and Wellness During the Pandemic**. This webinar reviews the landscape of burnout that already affects physicians. The speaker will look at the unique challenges of COVID-19 and its impact on all health care staff. Participants will gain access to a toolkit developed specifically to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Register [here](#).
- 10-11 am Thursday, May 7, **COVID-19 Response Mobile Communication Apps**. During the webinar, Mobile Smith will share information about mobile apps designed to support hospitals and health systems in their responses to COVID-19. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Tuesday, May 12, **Planning for the Future With COVID-19**. Emergency plans tend to focus on events that might last 24-72 hours, not the months-long situation we have faced with COVID-19. This most-recent opportunity to use emergency plans has likely created some needs to improvise solutions. This webinar will help capture early lessons and provide a framework for shaping the future. Register [here](#).
- Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 13, **Inspiration Speakers Series: Dr. Celina Peerman**. Dr. Peerman is an organizational behavior specialist with more than 25 years of experience from front-line to senior-level positions in a range of industries and organizations. She is passionate about engaging our human resources in new ways to achieve better organizational results. 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](#).

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