

# IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

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## The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

### Board of Nursing to allow emergency licenses

The Iowa Board of Nursing has adopted rules to allow [emergency licenses](#) for nursing education program graduates who cannot sit for the National Council Licensure Examination or national certifying examinations because testing centers are closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The board will issue emergency nursing licenses for nursing school program graduates who have met [655 Iowa Administrative Code 3.11](#) eligibility requirements. Email licensure questions to [Maggie Schwarck](#) and nursing education program questions to [Jimmy Reyes](#).

### HRSA hosts webinar about COVID-19 uninsured program portal

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will host a webinar from **1-2 pm Thursday, April 30**, for health care providers about the agency's COVID-19 Uninsured Program portal. Health care providers are eligible for reimbursement from the federal government for COVID-19 testing, treatment and related services provided to the uninsured. Providers, including hospitals and health systems, can register to participate with HRSA through the portal. Register for the webinar [here](#).

### COVID-19 projections updated

Nearly 20 states are projected to see peak demand for hospital resources because of COVID-19 over the next two weeks, according to updated projections from the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle. The most-recent projections, which use data updated April 28, show the projected date of peak demand for hospital beds, intensive care unit beds and ventilators in Iowa is now **Saturday, May 2**. Upcoming peak dates for neighboring states are:

- April 30, Minnesota
- May 13, Nebraska
- May 13, South Dakota

The model presents estimates of predicted COVID-19 health service use and deaths for each state if social-distancing measures are maintained through May. Researchers used state-level hospital capacity data, data on confirmed COVID-19 deaths from the World Health Organization and observed COVID-19 diagnoses from select locations.

### CEO update call recap

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

### Stark law, CMS waivers webinar recording available

A recording of yesterday's webinar The Latest Stark Law Updates, Including Recent CMS Waivers is available [here](#) (password: sDVh3xGM). This webinar covered the Physician Self-Referral Law (the Stark Law), including the latest developments, and discussed the status of proposed regulatory reforms and the recent CMS waivers associated with COVID-19.

## Free webinar opportunities

- 1-2:30 pm Thursday, April 30, ***Urgent Legal Issues and Opportunities for Iowa Hospitals Under Recent COVID-19 Legislation***. Hospitals are struggling with a variety of urgent legal issues as they make difficult decisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This presentation will address key aspects of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; the CARES Act; and the most-recent information available on the evolving issues Iowa hospitals are addressing as employers. Register [here](#).
- 10-11 am Friday, May 1, ***The Impact of COVID-19 on Workers' Compensation***. This worldwide pandemic is affecting individuals in many ways. Employees may have concerns about exposure-related illness and absence from work. This webinar will examine the impact of COVID-19 on workers' compensation, including what hospitals can do to support employees during this uncertain time. Register [here](#).
- 1-2 pm Friday, May 1, ***Town Hall Series: Financial Relief for Employers***. Presented by ServiShare partner LMC/AssuredPartners, this webinar will cover:
  - Depreciation, interest expense deduction and retroactive relief.
  - Loan forgiveness considerations.
  - Paycheck Protection Program Round 2.
  - Payroll tax deferral and employee retention credit.
  - The latest interim ruling.

Register [here](#). LMC/AssuredPartners also has created a COVID-19 resources page [here](#).

- 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](#).

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