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Registration now open for 2021 Noons in June leadership forum

Join us for [Noons in June](#), a virtual conference series that offers a twist to one of the Iowa Hospital Association's longest-running annual signature events, the Summer Leadership Forum. Noons in June offers a variety of topics affecting hospitals and health systems, and whether you're a veteran or new CEO, a member of your hospital's leadership team or early in your career and seeking to learn more about health care's biggest issues.

During Noons in June, Iowa Hospital Association members can enjoy a bite to eat over the lunch hour while gaining new insights each week. With nationally recognized presenters, this year's series continues the conversations about COVID-19 as it concerns innovation, sustainability and health equity.

2021 Noons in June topics and speakers are:

- **Diversity and Inclusion**, Kim Blue, global head of Zoom's people experience partners.
- **Health Care Strategy Post-crisis: What the 'Big Playbook' Should Look Like**, Paul Keckley, PhD, independent health care industry analyst, policy expert and entrepreneur.
- **Running Toward Chaos**, Natalie Stavas, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics, University of California, San Diego.
- **Telemedicine After COVID-19, Hospital at Home and Expansion of Technology**, Daniel Kraft, MD, Stanford- and Harvard-trained physician-scientist, inventor, entrepreneur and Innovator.

Click [HERE](#) to register once and get access to all four Noons in June from **Noon-1 pm every Thursday in June**.

Iowa Workforce Development responds to fraudulent unemployment claims

As previously reported in IHA Today, Iowa Workforce Development has noted a recent increase in the filing of fraudulent unemployment claims. Identity thieves are targeting hospitals, specifically physicians and other high earners in hospitals and health systems. Since the pandemic, unemployment claims have significantly grown because of increased funding from the Family First Coronavirus Act, and fraudulent claims also have increased.

The Iowa Hospital Association has met with Iowa Workforce Development Director Beth Townsend and Investigations Manager Jamie Van Fossen about this issue. They have shared this information:

- Iowa Workforce Development has recently increased security requirements for identity verification to increase the difficulty in filing fraudulent claims.
- Based on input from IHA, Iowa Workforce Development has updated their website and added an option for reporting identity theft by an individual. If someone is a victim of a fraudulent unemployment claim, they can report this on [Iowa Workforce Development's website](#).
- Iowa Workforce Development acts on all reports by locking claims when they receive a report of identity theft. But someone will not be contacted after they report identity theft unless more information is needed.
- As part of the claim process, both the individual and employer may receive notice that a claim has been filed. This does not mean a claim will be paid because identity verification is required for each claim before it can be paid.
- If a fraudulent claim is paid, Iowa Workforce Development often has been successful in retrieving this money from banking institutions. Regardless, neither the employer nor the claimant will be responsible for the payment and it will not affect the employer's experiential rating.

If you believe you or your organization has been a victim of fraud or identity theft, follow these steps to prevent further fraud or theft of personally identifiable information:

1. Place a seven-year fraud alert on your credit file by contacting one of the three national credit-reporting companies: Equifax, 800-525-6285; Experian, 888-397-3742; or Trans Union, 800-680-7289. You also can freeze your credit files.
2. Order your credit report from each of the three national credit-reporting companies. These reports are free after you place a fraud alert. You also can get a free credit report at www.annualcreditreport.com.
3. Contact the fraud department of any related businesses if you find discrepancies on your credit report.
4. Create an identity theft affidavit at www.identitytheft.gov.

Email [Kim Murphy](#) at IHA with additional questions about fraudulent unemployment claims.



The Tee Off Classic is back!

IHA is pleased to announce the annual [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#) is back on the schedule. This year it will be held Thursday, June 3, starting with a lunch program at 10:55 am and a shotgun start at 1 pm. The format will be four-person best shot with prizes awarded. A steak dinner follows golf at 5:30 pm.

The program and golf will be held at Copper Creek Golf Club in Pleasant Hill (just a few miles east of downtown Des Moines off Highway 163 or East University Avenue). Following tradition, this event also will officially mark the start of IHA's PAC campaign.

Online registration is open and all IHA hospital and health system members as well as trustees and physicians are welcome to play golf. Single registration is \$50 and \$150 for a foursome. A big thanks goes to the companies that have consistently sponsored this event including: Graham Construction, IP Pathways, LMC, RAS, ServiShare, and Wellmark.

Please email [Ellen Waller](#) at IHA with any registration questions and [Perry Meyer](#) for specific golf pairings. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Hospital Heroes deadline extended to May 14

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2021 Hospital Heroes awards has been extended to **Friday, May 14**. IHA's Hospital Heroes program celebrates employees who have acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who have selflessly served their hospitals and communities throughout their careers. Last year, IHA recognized all hospital employees for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the derecho windstorm in August 2020. At the 2021 Annual Meeting, IHA will return to recognizing 10 hospital employees who exemplify the passion and purpose of the community hospital mission every day. Click [HERE](#) to nominate a hospital hero by Friday, April 30. Email [Craig Borchard](#) at IHA with any questions.

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Upcoming events

- [IHA Virtual Governance Forum](#): Thursday, April 22-Friday, April 23.
- [Iowa Society for Health Care Human Resources Association Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 28-Thursday, April 29.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship](#): Tuesday, May 4.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations Virtual Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, May 4.
- [IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 4-Tuesday, Aug. 31.
- [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, May 5.
- [Iowa Alliance in Home Care Spring Virtual Conference](#): Thursday, May 6-Thursday, May 20.
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Virtual Conference Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, May 25.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 13.
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Virtual Conference Series](#): Friday, May 28-Friday, June 25.
- [NOONS IN JUNE: A Summer Leadership Forum Virtual Series](#): Thursday, June 3- Thursday, June 24.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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