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This week is National Hospital Week: Four things to know

[National Hospital Week](#), which runs through Saturday, May 15, recognizes and celebrates hospitals, health systems and the people who work at them.

Here are four things to know about this week:

- National Hospital Week was established on Florence Nightingale's birthday, May 12. The American Hospital Association sponsors the celebration.
- This year's theme is "Inspiring Hope Through Healing."
- AHA teamed with Musicians on Call, a New York City-based nonprofit, to produce a [song](#) ("Worth Fighting For") and a [video](#) ("Moments") inspired by health care workers. Health care workers find innovative ways to support the needs of patients and community; this is especially important during the COVID-19 pandemic. These projects commemorate the efforts of health care workers during a year like no other.
- It's not too late to contribute: AHA invites health care workers to share their replies online or through social media (#hospitalweek) about what has inspired them throughout the pandemic. AHA will share these responses through other activities during National Hospital Week. Click [HERE](#) to get involved.

Hospitals well-represented among Iowa Great Nurses

The “100 Great Iowa Nurses” program annually recognizes the state’s outstanding nurses whose courage, competence and commitment to patients and the nursing profession stand out above all others. The 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2021 were honored during a May 2 virtual celebration.

This year, 96 of the 100 honorees are nurses at Iowa hospitals or health systems and 16 of those are members of the Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership, IHA’s personal membership group for nurse leaders. They are:

- Jennifer Arp, Cass County Health System.
- Amanda Burgus, Fort Madison Community Hospital.
- Kassie Cline, Guthrie County Hospital.
- Jamie Crum, Cherokee Regional Medical Center.
- Amber Deardorff, Mary Greeley Medical Center.
- Kari Hammer, Saint Anthony Regional Hospital.
- Rosetta Hedges, UnityPoint Health-Saint Luke's Hospital.
- Carrie Lawson, UnityPoint Health-Saint Luke's Hospital.
- Heather Leshen, Monroe County Hospital and Clinics.
- Jennifer Mewes, Iowa Specialty Hospital-Clarion.
- Rebecca Moore, UnityPoint Health-Saint Luke's Hospital.
- Sarah Naberhaus, Buena Vista Regional Medical Center.
- Shawna Patterson, UnityPoint Health-Saint Luke's Hospital.
- Sara Roth, Saint Anthony Regional Hospital.
- Aimee Traugh, UnityPoint Health-Saint Luke's Hospital.
- Jennifer Woods, Mercy Medical Center-Cedar Rapids.



Top critical access, rural and community hospitals announced

The highest-ranked critical access, rural and community hospitals in the country, as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association. The recognition was based on the results of the Hospital Strength Index a nationwide hospital rating system that evaluates rural perspective payment system hospital market, and eight value-based and financial measures.

Best practice designations were also given to facilities that achieved success in quality and patient perspective.

Iowa hospitals recognized are:

Top 20 critical access hospitals

- Cass County Health System Atlantic.
- Kossuth Regional Health Center Algona.
- Pella Regional Health Center Pella.

Best practice, quality

- Loring Hospital Sac City.

Best practice, patient satisfaction

- CHI Health Mercy Corning, Corning.
- MercyOne Elkader Medical Center Elkader.

- Monroe County Hospital and Clinics Albia.

Top 20 rural and community hospitals

- Lakes Regional Healthcare Spirit Lake, Iowa

The National Rural Health Association is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. The Chartis Group provides comprehensive advisory services and analytics to the health care industry.

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David Jones
President

CHI Health Missouri Valley welcomes new president

[CHI Health Missouri Valley](#) has welcomed David Jones as its new president. Jones brings more than 20 years of leadership and operational strategy to the organization. He holds an MBA and was part of a Healthcare Advisory Fellowship Program in 2012. His background includes health care senior leadership in Kansas City and local government. He was a city councilman and mayor in Saint Joseph, Missouri for 13 years.

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Iowa news

- [Two counties accept entire COVID-19 vaccine allocation this week](#)
- [Report: Iowa cut public health funding before COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Iowa health professionals work to dispel vaccine rumors](#)

National news

- [After year with virtually no flu, scientists worry about next season](#)
- [CDC updates guidance about how COVID-19 spreads](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccination does not mean immunity for people with organ transplants](#)

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Upcoming events

- [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.
 - [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Thursday, June 3.
 - [NOONS IN JUNE: A Summer Leadership Forum Virtual Series](#): Thursday, June 3-Thursday, June 24.
 - [Behavioral Affiliate of Iowa Conference Series](#): Friday, June 11-Friday, July 23.
 - [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.
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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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