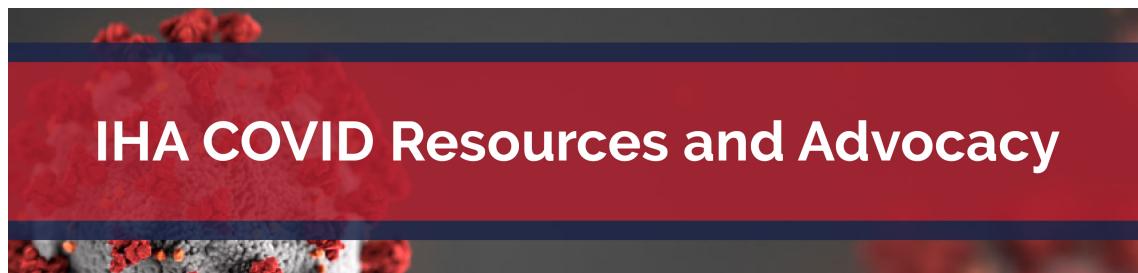


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Wednesday, July 7, 2021

### **HHS offers more reporting resources for provider relief fund**

The US Department of Health and Human Services [has posted additional reporting resources](#) for the provider relief fund. This includes an updated [Submitting Reporting Information](#) and [data entry worksheets](#).

The Health Resources and Services Administration also is providing a Reporting Technical Assistance webcast from **2-3 pm Thursday, July 8**. Click [HERE](#) to register.

### **DHS changes mental health institutes admission policy for COVID-19 testing**

The Iowa Department of Human Services has changed policy for admitting patients to Iowa's mental health institutes concerning COVID-19 testing. The institutes will accept rapid COVID-19 tests for screenings for transfers and admissions. This policy began the first week of June. Before this policy change, only a nasopharyngeal swab was accepted as an appropriate COVID-19 test.

All other policies remain unchanged, and the mental health institutes still require a negative COVID-19 test for acceptance.

Please email [Kim Murphy](#) at IHA with questions or concerns.

### **Identifying, handling, disposing and reporting waste in COVID-19 vaccine programs**

The CDC has given [additional guidance](#) on identifying, handling, disposing of and reporting waste in COVID-19 vaccination programs.

### **Educational opportunities**

- [\*\*\*The Emotional Impact of Covid-19: Leading Your Team to an Emotionally Healthy Workplace\*\*\*](#), Thursday, July 15. This presentation will focus on how to shift to leadership behaviors and practices that help increase organizational and individual resilience and emotional sustainability and move to deeper capacity, connection and organizational strength.
- [\*\*\*Community-Specific Solutions to Overcome COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy\*\*\*](#), Thursday, July 15. AHA's Society for Health Care Strategy and Market Development and leaders from Kaiser will discuss the various archetypes of COVID-19 vaccine-hesitant populations and

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strategies for communicating with them based on their mindsets and attitudes.

- [\*\*A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care after COVID-19\*\*](#), Thursday, Aug. 19. This webinar will explore true stories of the amazing resiliency of rural communities amid the formidable challenges of a pandemic.



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