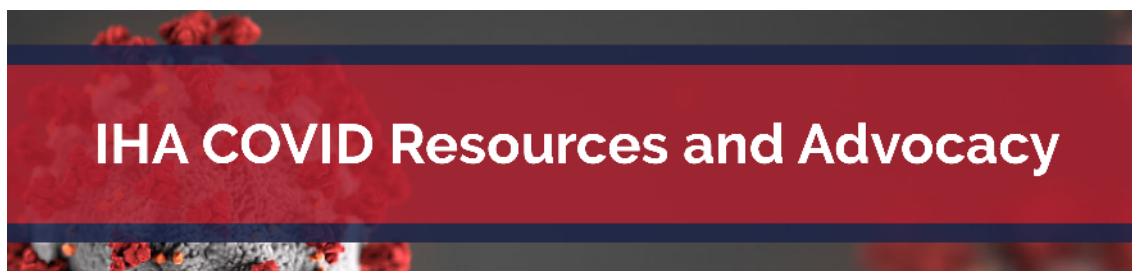


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Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021

Governor issues new proclamation

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a new Proclamation of Disaster Emergency Aug. 22, which removed two of the remaining waivers and emergency protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Click [HERE](#) for the full proclamation.

Key provisions remaining in the proclamation under Health Care System Regulatory Relief are related to:

- Certificate of need and exceeding bed capacity.
- Consistency between state law and federal waivers.
- Licensure for physicians and medical professionals licensed outside of Iowa.
- Tuberculosis screenings.

Provisions for certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and emergency medical services training have been allowed to expire. It should be noted that the governor continued to extend language waiving administrative rule or law that creates inconsistency with federal law. This is important because it means federal waivers will still be honored. Click [HERE](#) for a list of federal waivers.

The existing provisions will be maintained until Sunday, Sept. 19, at which time the governor will determine what portions of the proclamation should be extended.

Email [Erin Cubit](#) at IHA with questions or concerns.

HRSA calls tomorrow on reporting relief fund payments

The Health Resources and Services Administration will host short briefings at [10 am](#) and [2 pm](#) Thursday, Aug. 26, to help hospitals and other health care providers who received provider relief fund payments between April 10 and June 30, 2020, [report](#) by Sept. 30 about how they used the funds for health care-related expenses or lost revenues attributable to COVID-19 as required. HRSA must recoup the funds from noncompliant providers.

Providers who received payments after June 30, 2020, must comply with later [reporting dates](#). For more about [reporting requirements](#), see HRSA's [Reporting Resource Guide](#) for the Sept. 30 deadline, [Lost Revenues Guide](#) and resource on [Allowable Personnel Expenses](#).

Reminder: Reporting accurate data is still necessary

The Iowa Department of Public Health continues to collect hospital data daily through EMResources to inform response efforts to the pandemic. Recent COVID-19 trends show an increase in new cases reported and in the number of people hospitalized because of COVID-19. Hospitals are experiencing additional challenges with the need for elective procedures and the needs of patients being treated for other illnesses.

IDPH and IHA remind hospitals of the importance of accurate data reporting into EMResources, with a focus on immediate bed availability and staffing trends. This information is important for the state to assess resource needs and for other hospitals to understand where beds may be available for immediate patient transfers. Please review the [data dictionary and other resources](#) with staff to ensure the most-accurate data representing your facility is reported to EMResources.

IDPH updates vaccine information

Recently updated COVID-19 vaccine information from IDPH includes:

- [Booster dose guidance](#).
- [Booster partner packet](#).
- [COVID-19 vaccine information brief](#) (also posted to the HAN *3 COVID-19 Vaccine folder).

Health care provider questions about COVID-19 vaccine can be directed to the COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 800-831-6293, ext. 1, or COVID19Vaccine@idph.iowa.gov.

New AHA PSAs and resources feature clinicians encouraging COVID-19 vaccination

The AHA has released new public service announcements and related digital content encouraging vaccination against COVID-19 by still-unvaccinated health care workers and members of the public. Hospitals and health systems can add their own branding in both 30- and 15-second versions for use in their local communities' media outlets.

In three of the PSAs, clinicians share their reasons for getting the vaccine and encourage their colleagues and communities to overcome their concerns that prevent them from getting vaccinated by asking questions and seeking guidance from the trusted health care professionals in their lives.

A fourth PSA, "On the Fence," features a physician talking to three vaccine-hesitant people, discussing their questions and again encouraging them to seek answers from trusted resources to assuage their concerns. All the PSAs, which also are available with Spanish subtitles, can be accessed on [AHA's vaccine confidence webpage](#).

Additionally, AHA is continuing its campaign highlighting health care workers' vaccination stories, releasing new content that moves beyond clinicians to feature supply chain professionals who support hospitals and health systems. Hospitals and health systems are encouraged to join the campaign by sharing their teams' own #MyWhy stories. Ready-to-use materials and details are available on [AHA's #MyWhy webpage](#).

Social content that supports all these vaccination efforts are updated regularly and available on AHA's vaccine confidence webpage for hospitals to brand and deploy. If you have questions, please call AHA at 800-424-4301.

IDPH provides rural health information during COVID-19

The following are updates from the rural health programs at the Iowa Department of Public Health:

- [How to Address COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation](#): Strategies for sharing accurate information on COVID-19 and addressing misinformation using evidence-based messaging.
- [Hunger, Poverty and Health During COVID-19: Spotlight: Rural Communities](#): Research brief exploring the impact of the pandemic on rural communities, focusing on hunger, poverty and health. Includes statistics on weekly deaths from March-November 2020 per 100,000 people ages 20 and over, with breakdowns by five levels of population density.
- [Potential Implications of SARS-CoV-2 Delta Variant Surges for Rural Areas and Hospitals](#): Opinion piece highlighting features of rural health care systems that make it more difficult for those hospitals to withstand surges in COVID-19 cases. Suggests possible solutions for institutions, governments and society as they navigate the potentially rural-dominant delta variant phase.
- [Talking With Patients About COVID-19 Vaccination](#): Explains motivational interviewing as a tool health care professionals can use to talk with patients and families about COVID-19 vaccination. Identifies four steps to apply this approach during patient visits.
- [Ways Health Departments Can Help Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations](#): Tips for generating demand for the COVID-19 vaccine in different community settings and online. Includes information on how to increase trust in the health department. [Jen]

Educational opportunity

- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19](#), 11 am-Noon, Thursday, Sept. 16. Tying community engagement to diversity and health equity, this webinar explores true stories of the amazing resiliency of rural communities amid the formidable challenges of a pandemic.

A banner with a background of colorful, abstract shapes. On the left, the text "Click here for the latest COVID-19 Resources" is displayed in large, bold, black font. On the right, the Iowa Hospital Association logo is shown, featuring a stylized 'H' with red and white stripes, and the text "IOWA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" and "We care about Iowa's health" below it.

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