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Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021

## Today's headlines:

- [Register to learn about emergency rural health care grants](#)
- [FDA, CDC approve COVID-19 vaccine booster for certain groups](#)
- [Registration open for webinar about relief fund reporting and strategies](#)

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### Register to learn about emergency rural health care grants

The Department of Agriculture announced it will provide emergency rural health care grants to public, nonprofit and tribal organizations through the [American Rescue Plan Act](#). Organizations can apply for two types of grants until Tuesday, Oct. 12, for a portion of \$500 million in grants to expand access to COVID-19 testing and vaccines, rural health care services, and food assistance through food banks and food-distribution facilities.

Track 1 grants will provide \$25,000 to \$1 million to:

- Help prepare for a future pandemic event.
- Increase access to health care services and improve community health outcomes.
- Support immediate health care needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Track 2 grants will provide \$5-\$10 million to help sustain improved health outcomes, access to care and economic development in small communities.

The Department of Agriculture will host two webinars about the programs on Thursday, Aug. 19, and Wednesday, Aug. 25.

To register for the **Aug. 19** webinar, click [HERE](#).

To register for the **Aug. 25** webinar, click [HERE](#).

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### FDA, CDC approve COVID-19 vaccine booster for certain groups

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) signed off on the amended emergency-use authorization allowing booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines to people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems. The booster would be administered at least four weeks after the initial two-dose series.

Currently, a small group of immunocompromised people qualify for the third dose. The CDC recommends the booster shot for those who have:

- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress an immune response.
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- Been receiving cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood.
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome).
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system.

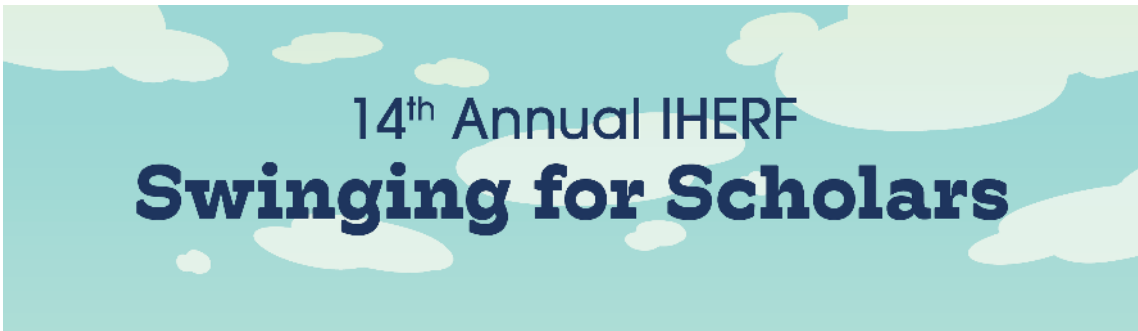
The CDC will hold a call for clinicians **today at 1 pm** to discuss additional dose along with data about COVID-19 vaccines in immunocompromised people.

The CDC recommends people speak with health care providers about their medical conditions and whether an additional dose is appropriate.

To attend the clinician call, click [HERE](#). A recording will be available [HERE](#) a few hours after the live event ends.

For more information about the updated emergency use authorization, click [HERE](#).

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### Registration open for webinar about relief fund reporting and strategies

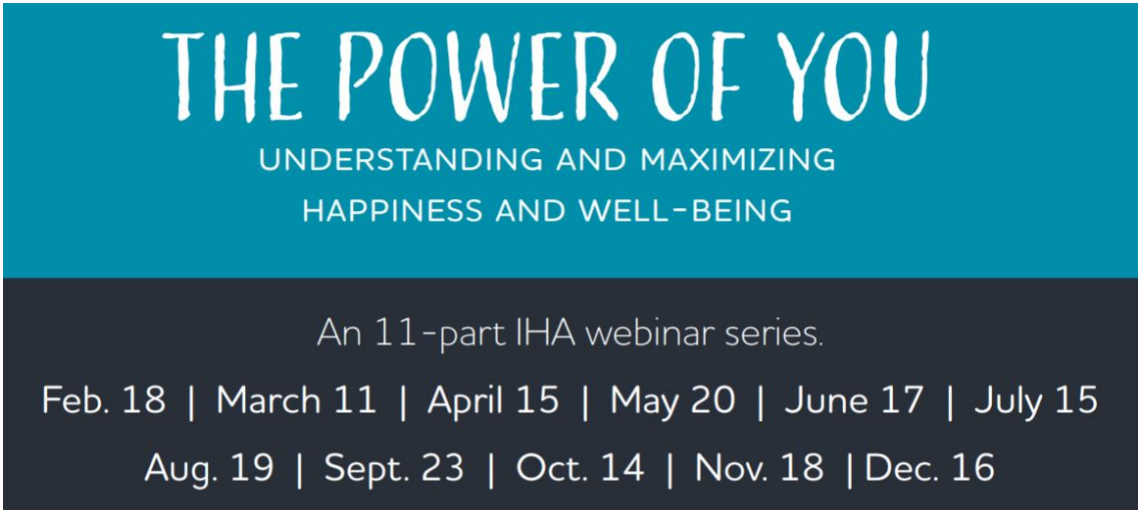
CEOs, chief financial officers, compliance leaders, finance professionals and health care legal professionals are encouraged to register for IHA's webinar COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund: Reporting Requirements and Strategies from **noon-1 pm, Tuesday, Aug. 24**.

The presentation will provide a recap of the provider relief fund and a detailed review of the new reporting guidance. The fund appropriated \$178 billion to reimburse health care providers for expenses and lost revenue because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation also will review common reporting questions and strategies in preparation for the reporting deadline.

Ben Fee and Lori Wink from Hall, Render, Killian, Health and Lyman will lead the presentation. Both have experience in health law and advising.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

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### Iowa news

- [UnityPoint reports surge of RSV in kids amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- [Iowa public health officials exasperated as COVID-19 surges](#)
- [Howard County hospital enacts new visitor restrictions](#)

### National news

- [Biden administration plans for vaccine boosters, perhaps by fall](#)
- [Medicare holds off on hospital price disclosure fines for now](#)
- [IT system down at Ohio health system after ransomware attack](#)

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## Upcoming events

- [The Great Resignation Webinar](#): Aug. 17.
- [Donor Intent and Iowa's Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act](#): Aug. 18.
- [A Path Forward: Thriving in Rural Health Care After COVID-19](#): Aug. 19.
- [COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund: Reporting Requirements and Strategies](#): Aug. 24.
- [Swinging for Scholars and All-District Meeting](#): Sept. 2.
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Engineering Virtual Fall Conference](#): Sept. 16-17.
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Webinar](#): Sept. 23.
- [Iowa Quality Residency Program](#): Oct. 21, 2021-April 8, 2022.

## Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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