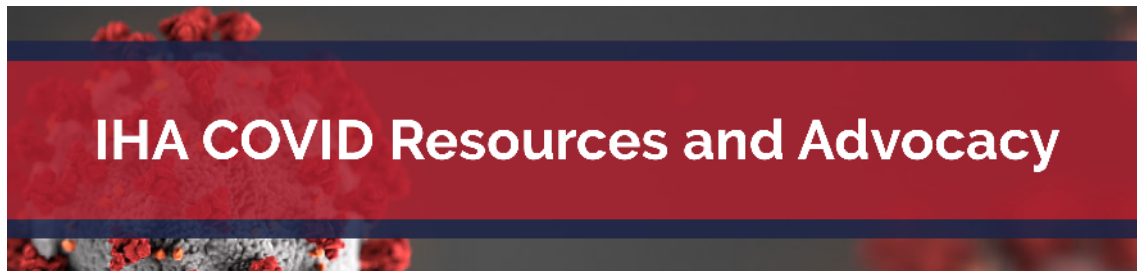


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### **Report projects US hospitals will lose at least \$54B in net income this year**

US hospitals will lose an estimated \$54 billion in net income this year, even after federal relief funds, as higher labor and other expenses and sicker patients impact their financial health during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a [report by Kaufman, Hall and Associates](#) released by the American Hospital Association. More than a third of hospitals are expected to end 2021 with negative margins.

### **J&J vaccine shown to maintain effectiveness over time**

Johnson and Johnson said its phase three trial data confirms its vaccine's durability and provided evidence of a booster shot's effectiveness against COVID-19. The drugmaker said that, over the course of its ongoing phase three trial, it found no evidence of the vaccine's reduced effectiveness, which J&J said is 79% effective for preventing COVID-19-related infections and 81% effective for preventing COVID-19-related hospitalizations. J&J furthermore found that a booster shot administered 56 days after an initial dose provided complete protection against severe COVID-19 for at least 14 days post-final vaccination and 94% protection against symptomatic (moderate to severe) COVID-19 in the US. Additionally, boosters resulted in antibody levels four to six times higher than those netted from a single dose.

### **IDPH updates COVID-19 vaccine booster information brief**

IDPH has released an [updated COVID-19 vaccine information brief](#), which includes important information about COVID-19 vaccine booster doses. The document also is posted to the HAN \*3 COVID-19 vaccine folder. Call the Immunization Program with questions at 800-831-6293, ext.1.

### **CMS launches new Medicare.gov tool to compare nursing home vaccination rates**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is making it easier to check COVID-19 vaccination rates for nursing home staff and residents with a new feature on [Medicare.gov](#). The tool makes vaccination data available in a user-friendly format to help people make informed decisions when choosing a nursing home for themselves or a loved one. CMS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also are

continuing to use this data to monitor vaccine uptake among residents and staff and to identify facilities that may need additional resources or help to respond to the pandemic.

Medicare and Medicaid-certified nursing homes have been required to report weekly COVID-19 vaccination data for both residents and staff since May, and CMS has been posting the information on the CMS COVID-19 Nursing Home Data website. View the new resource [HERE](#).

### Educational opportunity

- [Making Your HVAC Systems Pandemic Ready with Needlepoint Bipolar Ionization](#), 1:30-2:30 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 26. Needlepoint bipolar ionization reduces particles, kills mold and bacteria, and inactivates viruses. The system is also very effective at coil cleaning and odor/VOC mitigation by disassociating the compound into its component elements.

A banner with a background of colorful virus particles. On the left, the text reads "Click here for the latest COVID-19 Resources" in bold black font. On the right is the Iowa Hospital Association logo, which consists of a stylized blue and red 'H' with three horizontal red stripes, followed by the text "IOWA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION" and the tagline "We care about Iowa's health" in a smaller, italicized font.

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