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ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: IHA COVID-19 Update – June 8, 2020

Following is a brief recap of the most recent top developments.

Situational Awareness
The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced today 658 new COVID-19 cases and 23 deaths. The total number of cases in the state is 128,415 in 101 counties, with a total of 5,924 deaths. IDPH says that in the past 24 hours, 16,099 test specimens have been processed, with a positivity rate of 4%. The preliminary seven-day statewide positivity rate from June 1 to June 7 is 5%. Statewide COVID-19 hospitalizations in the past 24 hours decreased from 2,550 patients to 2,496 patients. Of that figure, 713 patients are in the ICU, with 443 patients on ventilators.

FDA Reissues Respirator EUAs
On Sunday, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reissued emergency use authorizations (EUAs) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination for reuse. Based on the FDA’s increased understanding of the performance and design of these respirators, the FDA decided certain respirators should not be decontaminated for reuse by healthcare personnel. The FDA has reissued the EUAs for:

- Non-National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators Manufactured in China by revising the Scope of Authorization such that authorized respirators listed in Appendix A will no longer be authorized if decontaminated.
- Multiple decontamination systems so that they 1) are no longer authorized to decontaminate respirators manufactured in China, where applicable, and 2) only authorize decontamination of
non-cellulose respirators that do not have an exhalation valve that are either authorized in the NIOSH-Approved Air Purifying Respirators for Use in Health Care Settings During Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency EUA or that are authorized and identified in Exhibit 1 of the EUA for Imported, Non-NIOSH-Approved Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators to be decontaminated.

The FDA also notes that according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendations, decontaminated respirators should only be used when new FDA-cleared N95 respirators, NIOSH-approved N95 respirators, or other FDA authorized respirators are not available. The FDA will hold a webinar on this issue on Tuesday, June 9 at 11 a.m. CDT. Click here for more information.

**Updated COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund FAQs**
The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) has updated the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), providing more clarity concerning eligible COVID-related expenses and COVID-attributable lost revenues. The updated FAQ explains that “health care related expenses attributable to coronavirus” may cover a wide range of items and services. HHS indicates the term “lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus” means any revenue that a healthcare provider lost due to coronavirus, including lost revenue associated with fewer outpatient visits, canceled elective procedures or services, or increased uncompensated care. Such costs do not need to be specific to providing care for possible or actual coronavirus patients. HHS regularly updates the FAQs, and IHA encourages members to review the Provider Relief Fund website periodically for updates.

**Data Submission Deadline at 7 PM Today re: Remdesivir Distribution**
For the next distribution of Remdesivir, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) is requesting that hospitals submit data by 7 p.m. CDT, today, June 8. Hospitals should log on to the COVID-19 web portal at https://teletracking.protect.hhs.gov, using the same login information previously used to provide year-to-date coronavirus-related admissions. See HHS’ updated letter and FAQ.

**Register for IHA Webinar on Coronavirus Response Funding Reporting Requirements**
On Thursday, June 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. IHA will host a webinar with Health Management Associates (HMA) to assist member hospitals and health systems with COVID-19 response funding reporting requirements, which begin with the quarter ending June 30. Registration is required.

**New ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 Resources**
The Technical Resources, Assistance Center and Information Exchange (TRACIE) of the Dept. of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) has released several new COVID-19 related resources:
- **Webinar Recording**: ASPR TRACIE, in collaboration with the HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force, recently hosted the Ensuring Healthcare Safety Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic webinar, where speakers shared recent experiences and lessons learned while adjusting their healthcare systems to maintain safety within their organizations;
- **Alternate Care Site (ACS) Resources/Webinar Q & A**: Due to limited time, speakers were not able to respond to all questions at the end of the May 22 webinar, Funding Sources for the Establishment and Operationalization of Alternate Care Sites. The webinar Q & A document includes responses to all questions received; the ACS Funding Summary Tip Sheet includes more information; and
- **Rural Health and COVID-19**: This document discusses strategies for managing some of the challenges faced by rural areas specific to COVID-19. The challenges are grouped into two main categories: those specific to healthcare facilities, and those related to at-risk populations who reside in rural areas.
Tuesday Webinar on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C)
Pediatric specialists from New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center will hold a webinar at 5 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, June 9, on Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), the new pediatric syndrome associated with COVID-19. These expert pediatricians will discuss symptoms to look for, common questions from parents, current treatment options, possible long-term effects, the disease’s similarity to Kawasaki disease, and the latest research. To register, click here.

IDPH Weekly Situational Webinar Wednesday
IDPH will host a COVID-19 Situational Update webinar Wednesday, June 10 at 11 a.m. to provide the latest information on the Coronavirus Disease outbreak and Illinois preparedness efforts. Register here.

This Week’s CMS COVID-19 Calls
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosts recurring stakeholder sessions on COVID-19. Call recordings and transcripts are posted on the CMS podcast page. This week’s calls include:
Tuesday, June 9:
- Home Health and Hospice, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. CDT. Dial-in: 833-614-0820; Passcode: 7359947; Webcast Registration.
- COVID-19 Office Hours, 4 - 5 p.m. CDT. Dial-in: 833-614-0820; Passcode: 4892554; Webcast Registration.

Wednesday, June 10
- Nursing Homes, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. CDT. Dial-in: 833-614-0820; Passcode: 9782909; Webcast Registration.
- Dialysis Organizations, 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. CDT. Dial-in: 833-614-0820; Passcode: 6553907. Webcast Registration.

Thursday, June 11
- Nurses, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. CDT. Dial-in: 833-614-0820; Passcode: 2863547; Webcast Registration.

LabCorp Webinars on COVID-19 Testing This Week
LabCorp, a leading COVID-19 testing manufacturer, will hold one-hour COVID-19 testing update webinars this Tuesday and Thursday. The webinar, which will feature LabCorp Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President Dorothy Adcock, will be held:
- Tuesday, June 9 at 3 p.m. CDT
  Meeting number: 160 100 7314; Password: 46SpyVCAqs
  Register and install meeting app here
  Join by phone: 1-404-410-4502, 1601007314#
- Thursday, June 11 at 11 a.m. CDT
  Meeting number: 160 502 5532; Password: 5FsmNP7Md8
  Register and install meeting app here
  Join by phone: 1-404-410-4502, 1605025532#

Resources
- IDPH webpage on COVID-19
- Illinois COVID-19 website for the public - coronavirus.illinois.gov
- CDC Homepage for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- Chicago Department of Public Health COVID-19 webpage
- IHA webpage on COVID-19

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