COVID-19

IHA is in close contact with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) as they respond to the novel coronavirus, named “COVID-19,” and its impact on individuals, communities and healthcare providers. For the latest information for healthcare providers and the public, see the resources and updates below.

Key Resources

- U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Institutes of Health
- Illinois Department of Public Health
- State of Illinois Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response
- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Chicago Department of Public Health
- American Hospital Association
- World Health Organization
- Shriver Center on Poverty Law
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses
- Society for Critical Care Medicine
- FEMA COVID-19 Hospital Resource Package

Federal Updates

- Additional Distributions from Provider Relief Fund (6/9/20)
- Federal COVID-19 Legislative Priorities (June 2020)
- IHA Letter to Sec. Azar Urging Additional High-Impact Funds (5/29/20)
- June 3 Deadlines for Provider Relief Funds (5/22/20)
- IHA Fact Sheet: FEMA Public Assistance Funds (5/15/20)
- CMS - Additional Waivers for Hospitals and Other Facilities (5/11/20)
- HHS Releases Methodology for High Impact and Rural Payments (5/11/20)
- IHA Legislative Priorities for Next COVID-19 Package (5/11/20)
- Targeted CARES Funding for Treatment of Uninsured Patients (5/8/20)
- AHA Report: Hospitals and Health Systems Face Unprecedented Financial Pressures Due to COVID-19 (May 2020)
- Federal Funding Opportunities Resource Document (5/6/20)
- IHA Fact Sheet: Distribution of Tranche One (5/1/20)
- IHA Summary: CMS – Additional COVID-19 Response Flexibilities for Providers (4/30/20)
- IHA Update: New Expanded Eligibility for PPP Loans (4/24/20)
- Data Required to Inform Distribution of Future CARES Act Funds (4/23/20)
- CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – Second Wave of Funding (4/22/20)
- Additional CMS Blanket Waivers (4/22/20)
State Updates

- **COVID-19 Capacity and Utilization Reporting** (6/8/20)
- **State Announces Community-Based Testing Sites Now Open to All** (6/4/20)
- **IHA Summary: IDPH Notice on Elective Inpatient Surgeries and Procedures** (6/3/20)
- **IDPH: Elective Inpatient Surgeries and Procedures** (6/3/20)
- **Governor Reissues COVID-19 Executive Orders** (5/29/20)
- **Governor’s New Disaster Proclamation** (5/29/20)
- **Governor’s Executive Order: Restoring Illinois – Protecting Our Communities** (5/29/20)
- **IDPH Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention/Support Resources** (5/28/20)
- **IDPH: Roles Required - EMS Administrative Code and Furlough Issues** (5/28/20)
- **COVID-19 Tests Administered: 7 Day Rolling Average** (5/27/20)
- **New COVID-19 Cases: 7 Day Rolling Average** (5/27/20)
- **COVID-19 Deaths: 7 Day Rolling Average** (5/27/20)
- **IDPH Guidance: Sexual Assault Emergency Services in EDs During COVID-19 Pandemic** (5/18/20)
- **IDPH: Perinatal Advisory Committee Provides Obstetrical & Neonatal Care Guidance during COVID-19 Pandemic**
- **IDPH: Support Persons in Health Care Facilities (including hospitals)** (5/15/20)
- **IDPH: COVID-19 Capacity and Utilization Reporting** (5/15/20)
- **IDPH Updated Testing Guidance** (5/14/20)
- **Services for Non-Veterans at Select VA Medical Centers** (5/14/20)
- **IHA Letter to Legislative Leaders re: COVID-19 Requests** (5/11/20)
- **IDPH Remdesivir Allocation** (5/9/20)
- **IDPH: Changes to Isolation Period for COVID-19 Cases** (5/7/20)
- **Elective Surgeries and Procedures FAQs** (5/5/20)
- **IDPH Assistance on COVID-19 Testing Supplies** (5/1/20)
- **Governor’s Modified Stay-at-Home Executive Order** (4/30/20)
- **Healthcare Organizations Support Governor’s Executive Order** (4/29/20)
- **Amicus Brief Supporting Governor’s Executive Order** (4/29/20)
- **RFI for COVID-19 PCR Testing** (4/27/20)
- **IDPH Update: Considerations for Healthcare Providers in ANY Healthcare Setting**
Follow Up Re: IDPH Guidance on Elective Surgeries and Procedures (4/25/20)
IDPH Updated Guidance Regarding Elective Surgeries and Procedures (4/24/20)
IDPH Update: HHS Data Requests from Hospitals - Reporting in EMResource (4/23/20)
IDPH Overview: Emergency Rules for Executive Order No. 24
IHA Summary: IDPH Guidelines on Emergency Preparedness for Hospitals During COVID-19 (4/18/20)
IDPH on Crisis Standards of Care (4/18/20)
Catastrophic Medical Incident Response Form (4/18/20)
Catastrophic Incident Management Pathway (4/18/20)
IDPH Guidance for Fatality Management During COVID-19 Response (4/17/20)
Summary: IDPH Emergency Rules re: Executive Order No. 24 (4/17/20)
Summary: COVID-19 Executive Order No. 24 (4/16/20)
Rural Hospitals’ COVID-19 Testing (4/13/20)
IEMA FR: Alternate Care Facilities Medical Services (4/11/20)
IHA Memo on HFS Proposed Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment Changes (4/8/20)
IDPH Guidance on the Use of Masks for the General Public
IDPH Community-Based Testing Sites
IDPH: Updated Guidance for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators
IDPH: Transfer of Patients from Hospital Settings to Skilled and Intermediate LTC Facilities

Chicago/Cook County Updates

CDPH Order re: Phase 3 Cautiously Reopening (6/3/20)
Statement re: McCormick Place Alternate Care Facility (5/1/20)
Chicago HAN Alert: Updates on Public Health COVID-19 Reporting Orders (4/30/20)
McCormick Place Alternate Care Facility Intake Criteria (4/22/20)
McCormick Place Alternate Care Facility Update (4/14/20)
Free Resources to Health Care Workers and First Responders (4/13/20)
Surge Protocol for Hospitals
Surge Center Trailer Inventory Form
Mayor Lori Lightfoot Letter re: Healthcare Worker Accommodation Policy (4/4/20)
Healthcare Worker Accommodation Policy, Certification & Occupancy Agreement
Hospital-Employee Eligibility Letter
CDPH Health Alert: Discharge of High-Risk COVID-19 PIU or Confirmed Cases
Letter from the Office of the Medical Examiner of Cook County
Cook County Chief Medical Examiner Notice re: Deaths Related to COVID-19 (3/16/20)

Disparity Issues

Rapid Racial Equity Response Outreach (5/1/20)
Rapid Racial Equity Response: Suggested Practices (4/30/20)
Guidance re: Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment (4/10/20)
Personal Protective Equipment Updates

- IHA Fact Sheet on PPE Supply Issues (May 2020)
- Nursing Home PPE Packages (4/24/20)
- Indicators of Fraudulent 3M Personal Protective Equipment
- IDPH: Clarification on the Use of Imported KN95 Masks (4/17/20)
- Health Alert: Imported KN95 Masks (4/16/20)
- CDC Checklist for Healthcare Facilities: Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators
- Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators
- Urgent Request for PPE Donation during COVID-19 Response
- IDPH Recommended Guidance for Extended Use of N-95 Masks, Regular Masks, and PAPRs
- IDPH Memo: PPE Burn Rate Calculator
- IDPH Guidance for Requesting PPE During COVID-19
- IHA Update: Issues Concerning Personal Protective Equipment (3/24/20)
- N95 Filtering Facemask Respirator Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) Process for Decontamination and Reuse
- Nebraska Medicine COVID-19 Resources for Providers
- Learnings from New York on PPE Conservation, Patient Care, Supply Chain, and IT and Finance

Clinical Guidance for Providers

- Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (5/21/20)
- CMS Non-Emergent Elective Medical Recommendations
- IDPH Updated Testing Guidance (4/4/20)
- CDC Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- IDPH General Recommendations for Healthcare Settings (for Healthcare Personnel)
- Healthcare Facility COVID-19 Triage Screening for Non-Critical Patients
- IDPH Guidance to Hospitals on Triage for COVID-19 Patients
- IDPH Letter to Hospitals: Development of COVID-19 Hospital Triage Mechanisms
- Association for the Health Care Environment Resources for EVS Professionals
- BoardBrief: What Hospital Boards Need to Know to Respond to COVID-19
- IDPH: Recommended Guidance for the Care of Pregnant Women and Newborns During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Tiered Surgical Response Plan for COVID-19
- What Governing Boards Should Do to Respond to the Pandemic (for AHA members only)
- Texas Healthcare Trustees Webinar: Governance in the Time of Coronavirus

COVID-19 Waiver Requests

- Granted State Waivers (5/6/20)
- CMS Issues Partial Approval of Medicaid COVID-19 Section 1135 Waiver Request (4/15/20)
- Medicaid & CHIP COVID-19 Disaster Relief Flexibilities (4/9/20)
- IHA Section 1135 Waiver Request for All Illinois Hospitals (3/26/20)
- Illinois HFS Section 1135 Waiver Request (3/21/20)
- IHA Letter: Notice of Intent to Operate Under and Request Section 1135 Waiver (3/20/20)
Immigrant Issues

- Updated Consulate of Mexico in Chicago Contact Information (4/14/20)
- CDC Resources in Non-English Languages (4/14/20)
- ICIRR Healthcare Resources for Immigrants (3/16/20)
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services COVID-19 Alert (3/16/20)
- Mexican Consulate in Chicago
- Stay-at-Home Flyer (in Spanish) (4/7/20)

IHA Federal Policy Updates

- CMS: New Waivers and Regulatory Changes (3/31/20)
- Letter to Illinois Hospitals from Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth (3/27/20)
- CARES Act (H.R. 748) – Overview of Hospital Provisions (3/26/20)
- Possible FEMA Funding Available for COVID-19 Expenses (3/23/20)
- IHA Letter to Illinois Congressional Delegation (3/20/20)
- IHA Alert: Urge Congress to Support Assistance for Hospitals re: COVID-19 (3/18/20)

IHA Behavioral Health Updates

- State Operated Psychiatric Hospitals: Admissions Resumed (4/7/20)
- Resources, Grant Updates, CARES Act (4/3/20)
- DHS Alert #2 - State Operated Psychiatric Hospitals: Reimbursement (3/23/20)
- IHA Follow-Up: SOPH COVID-19 Protocols (3/16/20)
- IDHS: Temporary Suspension of Civil Admissions to Three SOPHs (3/14/20)

IHA Telehealth Policy Updates

- IHA COVID-19 Telehealth Update #2: FCC Releases $200 Million for Grants (4/6/20)
- IHA COVID-19 Telehealth Update #1: State Coverage and Reimbursement (4/1/20)
- State Telehealth Coverage and Reimbursement Announcements (3/24/20)
- COVID-19 Medicare Telehealth Coverage Expansion Authorities (3/19/20)

IHA Payment Policy Updates

- IHA Update: COVID-19 Private Payer Guidance (5/20/20)
- Table: COVID-19 Private Payer Guidance (5/20/20)
- Requirement to Publicize Cash Price for COVID-19 Testing (4/15/20)
- Updated Information on COVID-19 DRG Coding and CARES Act Funding (4/15/20)
- HHS Announces Immediate Distribution of Federal Relief Payments to Hospitals (4/10/20)
- Potential Medicaid Funding Strategies (4/5/20)
- COVID-19 Financial Tracking Tool (4/2/20)
IHA Legal Policy Updates

- Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program FAQs (4/2/20)
- Update: Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program (3/28/20)
- COVID-19 Private Payer Coverage Guidance (3/20/20)

IHA Press Releases

- COVID-19 Pandemic Causes Surge in Cleaning Products Exposures (4/13/20)
- Illinois Hospitals Issue Plea for Medical Supplies (3/19/20)

IHA Daily Recap Updates

- IHA COVID-19 Update – June 10, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – June 8, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – June 5, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – June 3, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – June 1, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 29, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 28, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 27, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 26, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 22, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 21, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 20, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 19, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 18, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – May 15, 2020

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News Clips on Hospitals’ Efforts

- COVID-19 Hospital and Community Heroes (6/4/20)

IHA Daily Briefing Coverage

- IHA Leadership Webinars Kick Off June 25 (6/9/20)
- Action Required: Second COVID-19 Hotspot Payment (6/9/20)
- Additional Distributions from the Provider Relief Fund (6/9/20)
- State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/9/20)
• Webinar Recording: Chicago Fair Workweek Ordinance (6/9/20)
• New Law Temporarily Adds FQHCs to SASETA (6/9/20)
• Briefly Noted (6/9/20)
• FDA Reissues Respirator EUAs (6/8/20)
• Register for Webinar: COVID Funding Reporting Requirements (6/8/20)
• Updated COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund FAQs (6/8/20)
• New Report re: Cleansers, Disinfectants (6/8/20)
• New ASPR TRACIE COVID-19 Resources (6/8/20)
• Data Deadline Today re: Remdesivir Distribution (6/8/20)
• LabCorp Webinars on COVID-19 Testing (6/8/20)
• Weekly CMS COVID-19 Calls (6/8/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/8/20)
• Mixed Jobs Picture for Healthcare Sector (6/5/20)
• Physical Distancing, Facing Coverings Work (6/5/20)
• CDC: ER Visits Decline During COVID-19 Pandemic (6/5/20)
• ACS Tools to Prepare Patients for Operations (6/5/20)
• EMS Response to COVID-19 and Protests (6/5/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/5/20)
• Briefly Noted (6/5/20)
• Community-Based COVID-19 Testing Sites Open to All (6/4/20)
• Committee Heads Seek Funds for High-Medicaid Providers (6/4/20)
• Congress Passes Bill Providing PPP Loan Flexibility (6/4/20)
• CMS: New Payment Model Flexibilities in Response to COVID-19 (6/4/20)
• Nursing Home COVID-19 Data Available (6/4/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/4/20)
• IDPH Notice re: Elective Inpatient Surgeries and Procedures (6/3/20)
• Today is Deadline for Provider Relief Fund Application (6/3/20)
• CMS Guidance on Optional Uninsured COVID Testing Coverage (6/3/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/3/20)
• Chicago Moving to Phase 3 as Scheduled (6/2/20)
• CMS Steps Up Nursing Home COVID-19 Enforcement (6/2/20)
• IHA Webinar on COVID-19 Funding Reporting (6/2/20)
• IDPH COVID-19 Webinars This Week (6/2/20)
• CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Calls (6/2/20)
• ECHO COVID-19 Sessions in June (6/2/20)
• June 8 Data Deadline re: Remdesivir Distribution (6/2/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/2/20)
• Gov Issues New COVID-19 Executive Orders (6/1/20)
• CDC Clarifies COVID-19 Types of Spread (6/1/20)
• New CDC Report on COVID-19 Early Spread (6/1/20)
• State, National, Global COVID-19 Update (6/1/20)

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