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

- IHA Alert: Urge Congress to Include Hospital Priorities in Next COVID-19 Legislation (7/14/20)
- IHA Letter to Congressional Delegation on COVID-19 Legislative Priorities (7/14/20)
- IHA Legislative Priorities for Next COVID-19 Legislation (7/14/20)
- IHA Memo: Attestation Required for All Provider Relief Fund Distributions (6/18/20)
- IHA Alert: Urge Congress to Include Hospitals in Next COVID-19 Legislation (6/17/20)
- IHA Memo: Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements (6/16/20)
- Infographic on Hospital Losses Due to COVID-19 (June 2020)
- IHA Webinar on COVID-19 Funding Reporting Requirements (6/11/20)
- 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)
State Updates

- COVID-19 Tests Administered: 7 Day Rolling Average (7/15/20)
- New COVID-19 Cases: 7 Day Rolling Average (7/15/20)
- COVID-19 Deaths: 7 Day Rolling Average (7/15/20)
- COVID-19 Testing: Percent Positivity (7/15/20)
- COVID-19 Hospitalizations (7/15/20)
- IDPH Hospital Data Reporting (7/15/20)
- IDPH: Elective Surgery Guidance - Supplemental FAQs (7/4/20)
- COVID-19 Tests Administered: 7 Day Rolling Average (6/12/20)
- New COVID-19 Cases: 7 Day Rolling Average (6/12/20)
- COVID-19 Deaths: 7 Day Rolling Average (6/12/20)
- COVID-19 Testing: Percent Positivity (6/12/20)
- COVID-19 Hospitalizations (6/12/20)
- COVID-19 Capacity and Utilization Reporting (6/8/20)
- State Announces Community-Based Testing Sites Now Open to All (6/4/20)
- IDHA: 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)
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
COVID-19 Waiver Requests

- Granted State Waivers (7/10/20)
- Granted Federal Waivers (6/15/20)
- 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 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)
- 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 Legal Policy Updates

- IHA COVID-19 Legal Resources (5/7/20)

IHA Press Releases

- Illinois Business and Healthcare Groups Encourage Use of Face Masks to Save Lives, Protect Jobs (7/15/20)
- IHA Statement: Addressing Health Disparities (6/15/20)
- 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 – July 20, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – July 15, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – July 13, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – July 8, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – July 6, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – July 1, 2020
News Clips on Hospitals’ Efforts

- COVID-19 Hospital and Community Heroes (7/21/20)

IHA Daily Briefing Coverage

- HHS Guidance: Discrimination Prohibited During COVID-19 (7/20/20)
- Chicago Reinstating Targeted COVID-19 Restrictions (7/20/20)
- Cook County Issues COVID-19 Travel Guidance (7/20/20)
- COVID-19 Response Fund Application Deadline This Friday (7/20/20)
- HHS Announces Distribution of COVID-19 Hotspot Funds (7/17/20)
- Dashboards for Regional COVID-19 Resurgence Criteria (7/17/20)
- Report: Record Increase in Number of Uninsured (7/17/20)
- CDC Urges Americans to Wear Masks (7/16/20)
- State. National. Global COVID-19 Updates (7/16/20)
- Governor Announces New COVID-19 Mitigation Plan (7/15/20)
- Business. Healthcare Groups Urge Use of Face Masks (7/15/20)
- IDPH Memo to Hospitals on COVID-19 Reporting to HHS (7/15/20)
- Ask Congress: Include Hospitals in Next COVID Legislation (7/15/20)
- HHS Makes Major Changes to COVID-19 Reporting Process (7/14/20)
- IDPH COVID-19 Situational Update Webinar Wednesday (7/14/20)
- COVID-19 Response Fund Deadline July 24 (7/14/20)
- State. National. Global COVID-19 Updates (7/14/20)
- IHA Leadership Webinar July 23: Thrive Post-Pandemic (7/14/20)
- Price Transparency Final Rule Webinar in September (7/14/20)

See previous Daily Briefing articles about COVID-19.