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

- CARES Act General Distribution Portal Readiness Delay (4/27/20)
- 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)
- New COVID-19 Legislative Package (4/21/20)
- Summary of Hospital/Testing Provisions in COVID-19 Legislation (4/21/20)
- Summary of Paycheck Protection Program Increase (4/21/20)
- IHA Summary: CMS Guidance re: Reopening Facilities/Nursing Home Reporting (4/20/20)
- Federal Funding Opportunities Resource Document (4/17/20)
- IHA Alert re: Additional Funding for Hospitals/Health Systems (4/16/20)
- Additional CMS Blanket Waivers Aimed at Boosting Healthcare Workforce (4/10/20)
- Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19
- COVID-19 Hospital Preparedness Assessment Tool
- OSHA Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19
- 2020 COCA Calls/Webinars Information, Summaries, & Slide Sets (3/23/20)
- CMS and IRS Release New Information on COVID-19 (3/12/20)
State Updates

- 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
- Daily Number of Cases in Illinois (through 4/19/20)
- 3-Day Rolling Average of New Cases (through 4/19/20)
- Illinois Daily Deceased (through 4/19/20)
- 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 FRI: 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

- 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)

Personal Protective Equipment Updates
Clinical Guidance for Providers

- Guidance re: Non-Discrimination in Medical Treatment (4/10/20)
- 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

- 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
• Federal Guidance on Commercial Payer Coverage of COVID-19 (4/13/20)
• 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
• 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 (4/2/20)

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 – April 27, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 24, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 23, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 22, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 21, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 20, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 18, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 17, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 16, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 15, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 14, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 13, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 11, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 10, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 9, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 8, 2020
- IHA COVID-19 Update – April 7, 2020

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News Clips on Hospitals’ Efforts

- COVID-19 Hospital and Community Heroes (4/23/20)

IHA Daily Briefing Coverage

- Trump Signs Bill with $75B for Hospitals, Providers (4/24/20)
- HHS Releases CARES Act General Fund Formula (4/24/20)
- New Expanded Eligibility for PPP Loans (4/24/20)
- Judge Grants Workers' Comp Emergency Rule TRO (4/24/20)
- IHH Delayed Until January 2021 (4/24/20)
- Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/24/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/24/20)
• Governor Extends Stay-at-Home Order (4/23/20)
• Data Deadline Extension for CARES Funding (4/23/20)
• EMResource to Submit Data to HHS (4/23/20)
• Chicago COVID-19 Tele-Town Halls (4/23/20)
• Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/23/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/23/20)
• HHS Announces Remaining CARES Act Allocations (4/22/20)
• Data Required Impacting Future CARES Act Funds (4/22/20)
• ONC Delays Cures Act Final Rule Implementation (4/22/20)
• IDHS-Funded Organizational Survey (4/22/20)
• Medicaid Guidance Released for SASS/MCR Providers (4/22/20)
• Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/22/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/22/20)
• New Guidance from CMS (4/20/20)
• IDPH COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Guidelines (4/20/20)
• Telehealth/Remote Monitoring Program Expanded (4/20/20)
• IDPH Issues COVID-19 Emergency Rules (4/20/20)
• State Issues COVID-19 Non-Discrimination Guidance (4/20/20)
• Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/20/20)
• Chicago COVID-19 Update (4/20/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/20/20)
• CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls (4/20/20)
• IHA ‘Going the Distance’ Campaign: Submit Your Story (4/20/20)
• AHA, Others Release Map to Resume Elective Surgeries (4/17/20)
• Trump Issues Plan to Reopen America (4/17/20)
• Updated IHA Federal Resource Documents (4/17/20)
• Executive Order Gives Hospitals More Flexibility (4/17/20)
• Preckwinkle Launches COVID-19 Dashboard (4/17/20)
• Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/17/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/17/20)
• CDC: Public Policies Increase Social Distancing Compliance (4/17/20)
• Briefly Noted (4/17/20)
• IHA Alert Calls for Additional Federal Funding (4/16/20)
• HHS CARES Funding Attestation Portal for First Tranche (4/16/20)
• Requirement to Publicize Cash Price for COVID-19 Testing (4/16/20)
• Governors Coordinate Reopening of Economy (4/16/20)
• Illinois COVID-19 Update (4/16/20)
• Cook County Offers COVID-19 Alternative Housing (4/16/20)
• National COVID-19 Update (4/16/20)

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