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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Today's headlines:

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Vaccine update: lowans with underlying conditions now eligible

Starting this week, [Iowa vaccine providers can begin vaccinating additional priority populations](#). People 64 and younger with medical conditions that may place them at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are now eligible. Although several Iowa counties have reported being near completion for vaccinating previous priority population groups, most counties and vaccine providers remain focused on these populations.

Other vaccination updates:

- Although vaccine production has not yet fully met the demand for vaccine, The White House announced that by the end of May, there will be enough vaccine for anyone over 16 who chooses to be vaccinated.
- It's critical to continue practicing the mitigation measures that can slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Vaccinated Iowans should continue these precautions until more is known about whether the vaccine will prevent spreading the virus to other people.
- The state's 211 Call Center is still only for Iowans 65 and older who need help scheduling appointments and don't have access to the technology to do so.



New leadership at IHA member hospitals

Several leadership changes at Iowa hospitals have recently been announced. The changes are:

- After 42 years, **MaryJo Kavalier** retired from MercyOne Tuesday, March 2. Kavalier began as a medical/surgical nurse at St. Francis Hospital. Her other roles included emergency room nurse, house supervisor, vice president and site administrator at MercyOne Cedar Falls Medical Center. Vice president of operations **Ryan Meyer** has added site administrator of MercyOne Cedar Falls Medical Center to his duties.
- **Dave Burd** has been named the new president/CEO of Methodist Jennie Edmundson, Council Bluffs, effective Thursday, July 1. He succeeds **Steve Baumert**, who is retiring after more than 40 years in various roles at Jennie Edmundson. Burd has been the senior vice president of operations at Jennie Edmundson since May 2020. He previously was chief executive officer for Thayer County Health Services in Hebron, Nebraska.

- **David Abercrombie** is retiring as CEO of Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak, and Chief Operating Officer **Ronald Kloewer** will become the new CEO Monday, March 15. Abercrombie will remain on board at the hospital for a few months as a consultant. Kloewer has worked in senior management at the hospital for more than 29 years.



ServiShare partner offers whitepaper about managing burnout

Is your health care organization struggling with staff burnout because of the pandemic? To help address this challenge, ServiShare partner Medical Solutions has developed a [whitepaper](#) that explores how health systems can efficiently manage staffing during the pandemic with a human-first approach. The whitepaper also focuses on:

- Managing employee burnout.
- Recruitment and retention.
- The importance of workplace culture.

Medical Solutions is an industry-leading workforce solutions provider that streamlines clinical and nonclinical health care staffing through fully customized programs. Medical Solutions helps health care facilities gain whole-house efficiency, control labor costs and enhance patient care standards by finding the right people at the right time.

For more information, email [Sarah Rue](#) at Medical Solutions.



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Iowa news

- [Vaccine eligibility opens to Iowans with chronic health conditions](#)
- [Local EMS staff pushing for House bill to make service "essential"](#)
- [The pandemic's ongoing impact and how it has transformed our lives](#)

National news

- [Open spaces, no pharmacies: rural US confronts vaccine void](#)
- [Senate narrowly passes COVID-19 package](#)
- [Designing telemedicine systems with a health equity aim](#)

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Upcoming events

- [IHA Crisis Management Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, March 9–Tuesday, April 6.

- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Wednesday, March 10
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, March 16.
- [Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum](#): Wednesday, March 24-Thursdays, March 25.
- [Iowa Hospitals' Innovation During COVID-19](#): Tuesday, March 30-Thursdays, April 1.
- [Special Governance Issues for Public Hospitals](#): Tuesday, March 30
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: EMTALA Parts 1-3](#): Monday, April 5-Monday, April 19.
- [Iowa Association for Healthcare Quality Virtual Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, April 13-Thursdays, April 15.
- [IHA Virtual Governance Forum](#): Thursday, April 22-Friday, April 23.
- [Iowa Society for Health Care Human Resources Association Virtual Spring Conference](#): Wednesday, April 28-Thursdays, April 29.
- [Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 11-Tuesday, Nov. 16.
- [Hospital Regulatory Webinar Series: Swing-bed Fundamentals](#): Tuesday, June 22.



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