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Join today's vaccine mandate webinar

The enforcement of vaccine mandates has rapidly changed as states brought lawsuits against the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' and the Occupational Safety and Health Association's mandates. State regulations also have muddied the waters.

Attorney and Drake University associate professor Denise Hill will discuss health

care employers' ability to enforce the recent federal vaccine mandates considering the recent conflicting judicial decisions and state laws. Participants in the Navigating the Legal Uncertainty of COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates in the Health Care Workplace webinar also can ask Hill questions about their unique situations.

The webinar is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. today.

Click [HERE](#) to register for the webinar.

IHA DEI Committee to hold first 2022 meeting Wednesday

IHA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee will discuss its 2022 priorities during its first meeting of 2022 Wednesday. Its strategic priorities are:

- Advocacy efforts.
- Best practices for implementing DEI efforts.
- DEI education for IHA members.
- Health equity and improved access to care.
- Peer-to-peer networking to support and share IHA members' DEI journeys.

The DEI Committee's strategic priorities are guiding IHA's work on behalf of member hospitals and health systems in identifying ways to foster diversity, equity and inclusivity. Hospital and health system trustees and leaders are reminded to sign IHA's Pledge to Champion Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity.

Signers of the pledge promise to advance diversity in leadership and governance in their hospitals and health systems to reflect the changing communities they serve. Member hospital and health system boards that have returned signed pledges to IHA are:

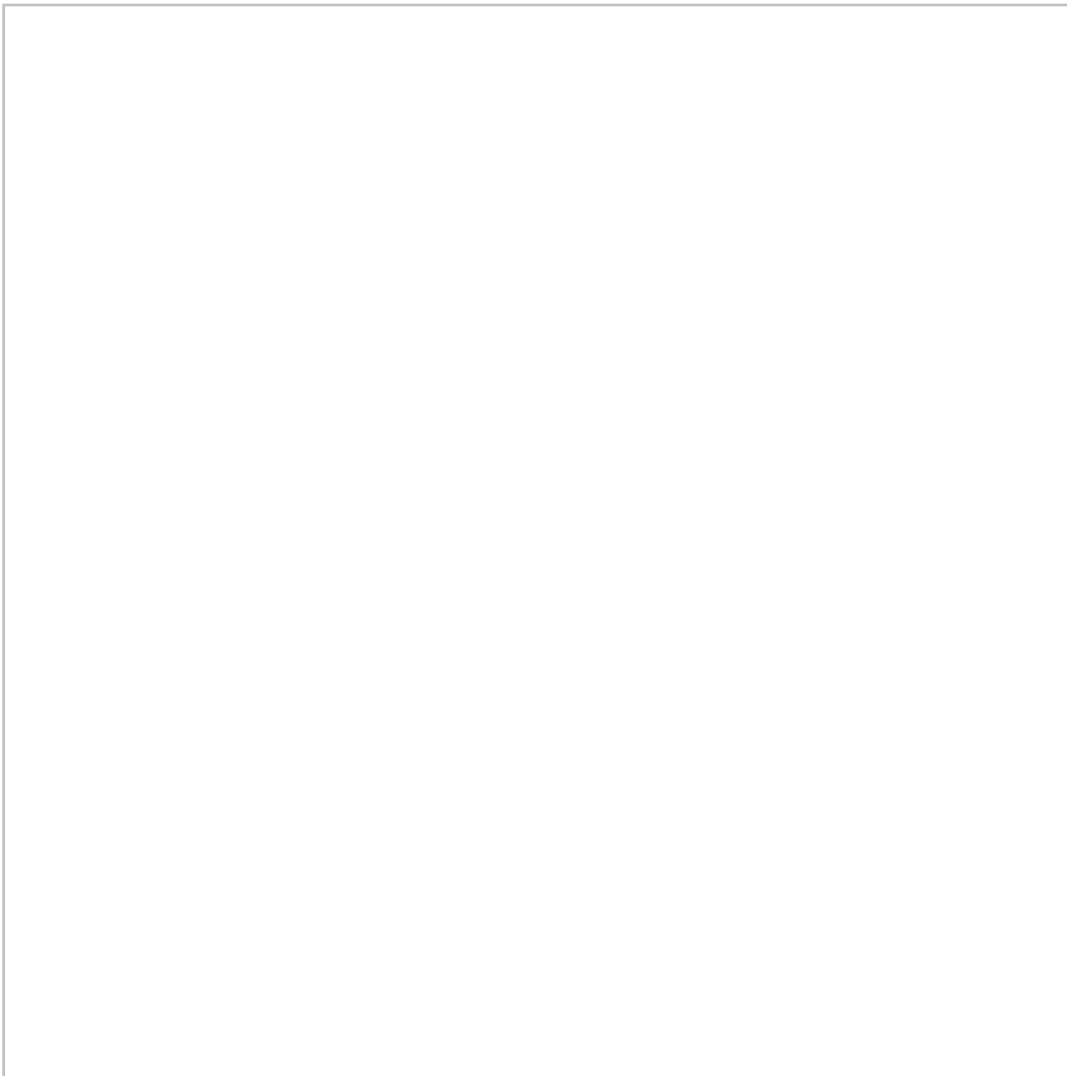
- Audubon County Memorial Hospital and Clinics.
- Burgess Health Center.
- ChildServe.
- Floyd Valley Healthcare.
- Mercy Medical Center – Cedar Rapids.
- MercyOne Cedar Falls Medical Center.
- MercyOne Clinton Medical Center.
- MercyOne Dubuque Medical Center.
- MercyOne Dyersville Medical Center.
- MercyOne Oelwein Medical Center.
- MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center.
- MercyOne.
- UnityPoint Health-Blank Children's Hospital.
- UnityPoint Health-Grinnell Regional Medical Center.
- UnityPoint Health-Iowa Lutheran Hospital.
- UnityPoint Health-Iowa Methodist Medical Center.
- UnityPoint Health-Methodist West Hospital.

Click [HERE](#) to download the pledge.

Click [HERE](#) to access diversity, health equity and inclusivity resources including blogs, case studies, news, podcasts and webinars.

Please mail signed pledges to IHA, 100 E. Grand, Suite 100, Des Moines, IA 50309 or email signed pledges to [Roxanne Strike](#) at IHA.





Registration open for 2022 Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum

Participants in the 2022 Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum will have a chance to hear from one of their own. Chuck Nordyke, chief executive officer of [Clarinda Regional Health Center](#) in Clarinda, will host one of the sessions during the annual forum.

Rural hospitals play an important role in their communities but can struggle financially. Nordyke will share his experience at Clarinda Regional Health Center and discuss strategies that boost revenue and provide a more-extensive care experience for patients.

Other topics in this year's agenda will highlight:

- Burnout in health care staff.
- Changing mindsets to be successful.
- Rural provider recruiting.
- Social innovation.

The 2022 Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum is scheduled from 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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IHA members are encouraged to visit IHA's Digital on Demand store to catch up on webinars or training videos they may have missed.

The IHA Digital on Demand store offers:

- [Demonstration and training videos](#) for DataGen, DATABANK and Dimensions dashboards.
- [Capitol Update](#) podcasts.
- [CEO podcasts](#).
- [Previously recorded webinars and presentations](#) including today's Legal Uncertainty of COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates in the Health Care Workplace webinar.
- [Trustee resources](#).

IHA will add more content throughout the year, so remember to check in to see what new content is uploaded.

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IDPH updates Iowa data dictionary

The Iowa Department of Public Health updated the Iowa data dictionary to reflect changes to the federal Department of Health and Human Services Data Elements. HHS outlined the changes in its [COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs](#).

Updates include:

- Approximately 30% net reduction of fields.
- Pediatric and influenza fields required starting Feb. 2.

Click [HERE](#) to read the updated data dictionary.

Click [HERE](#) to read the IDPH memo.

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- [U.S. COVID-19 cases down 5% last](#)

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- [COVID-19 infections in Iowa care facilities are up 117% in one week](#)
- [What's the cost of COVID-19? For one Iowa patient, a \\$1 million medical bill](#)

[week: 11 CDC findings](#)

- [Yes, you can catch the flu and COVID-19. No, 'flurona' isn't real.](#)
- [Hospitals ask Congress to add \\$25B to relief fund](#)

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Upcoming events

- [Navigating the Legal Uncertainty of COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates in the Health Care Workplace](#): Tuesday, Jan. 25
- [Abuse, Restraints and Seclusion Regulations](#): Thursday, Jan. 27
- [Grant Writing Workshop](#): Tuesday, Feb. 1
- [Critical Access Hospitals' Commonly Cited Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, Feb. 8
- [National Health Care Safety Network Basic Training](#): Thursday, Feb. 10
- [Update on Ligature Risks and Suicide Prevention](#): Thursday, Feb. 17
- [Physician Business Leadership Certification Program](#): Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Tuesday, Aug. 9
- [The Intersection of DEA, Opioids and Hospital Risk](#): Tuesday, Feb. 22
- [2022 Virtual Hospital Day on the Hill](#): Wednesday, Feb. 23
- [Advanced Leadership Academy](#): Wednesday, March 2 - Tuesday, Sept. 20
- [Iowa Rehab Managers Spring Conference](#): Thursday, March 3
- [Critical Access and Rural Hospital Forum](#): Wednesday, March 23
- [Understanding Hospital Board and Medical Staff Responsibilities Under Medicare COPs](#): Tuesday, April 12
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration Spring Conference](#): Thursday, April 14

Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](#) can help. This website connects thousands of nurses, providers and other hospital jobseekers with Iowa hospitals each year and is a main resource for jobseekers looking for work in health care.



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