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Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022

### Today's headlines:

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### **Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine receives full FDA approval**

On Monday, the Food and Drug Administration fully approved a second COVID-19 vaccine for people 18 and older. What was formerly the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine will be marketed as Spikevax and has the same formulation as the emergency-use authorization Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Spikevax will be administered as a primary series of two doses, one month apart. Spikevax can be used interchangeably with the emergency-use authorization Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to provide the COVID-19 vaccination series.

Doses of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine remain available under the emergency-use authorization and are authorized as mix and match single booster doses for people 18 and older following completion of primary vaccination with a different available COVID-19 vaccine.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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### **Registration open for Medicaid prior-authorization virtual listening session**

The Iowa Department of Human Services and Iowa Medicaid will host a virtual listening session about Medicaid prior authorizations. The listening session is part of Iowa Medicaid's monthly virtual town halls for providers and members. Providers and members will get the chance to ask questions and provide feedback about Medicaid

prior authorization.

Each monthly session will focus on recurrent themes and proposals from providers to develop breakout groups to focus on more specialized topics. The goal of each session is to improve processes and policies for Iowa Medicaid members. The Medicaid prior-authorization provider listening session is scheduled from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

For information about upcoming sessions and member listening sessions, click [HERE](#).

Email [Iowa Medicaid](#) with questions.

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Missed a previous CEO podcast? Click the links below to learn more about Iowa's new hospital leaders.

- [David Stark](#), president and CEO at [UnityPoint Health-Iowa Methodist Medical Center](#).
- [Kurt Sargent](#), president at [CHI Health Mercy Corning](#).
- [Dave Burd](#), president and CEO at [Methodist Jennie Edmundson](#).
- [Catherine Hillestad](#), CEO at [Adair County Health System](#).
- [Ben Davis](#), CEO at [Osceola Regional Health Center](#).
- [Deb Herzberg](#), president and CEO at [Avera Holy Family Hospital](#).
- [Chuck Nordyke](#), CEO at [Clarinda Regional Health Center](#).
- [Cory Nelson](#), CEO at [Sioux Center Health](#).
- [Cindy Carstens](#), CEO at [Stewart Memorial Community Hospital](#).

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### **Nominate a 2022 Hospital Hero**

Is there an employee who acted courageously in a moment's crisis or who selflessly served their hospitals and communities through their careers? IHA will recognize 10 hospital employees at the 2022 Annual Meeting who embody the passion and purpose of the community hospital mission every day.

The Hospital Heroes Award began in 2007 and, through 2021, more than 100

hospital employees have been recognized. In 2020, IHA recognized all hospital employees for their heroic efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and in response to the derecho windstorm in August 2020. In 2021, IHA recognized 11 heroes from 10 hospitals:

- Eric Ash, M.D., [Dallas County Hospital](#), Perry.
- Seann Atkinson, D.O., [Cass Health](#), Atlantic.
- Alana Blair, [Lakes Regional Healthcare](#), Spirit Lake.
- Robin Esmann, [Guttenberg Municipal Hospital and Clinic](#), Guttenberg.
- Garrett Feddersen, D.O., and Kyle Glienke, M.D., [Buena Vista Regional Medical Center](#), Storm Lake.
- Lisa Kouri, [St. Anthony Regional Hospital](#), Carroll.
- Kelly Langel, [UnityPoint Health-Finley Hospital](#), Dubuque.
- Fred Klingbeil, M.D., [ChildServe](#), Johnston.
- Sonia Sather, M.D., [Spencer Hospital](#), Spencer.
- Dena Sytsma, [Boone County Hospital](#), Boone.

To watch the 2021 Hospital Heroes award video and to nominate a 2022 Hospital Hero, click [HERE](#).

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## IHA to launch Wellness Bites series

IHA is launching a new wellness series called Wellness Bites to help hospital employees stay engaged and encourage happiness, well-being and purpose. The Wellness Bites will be short, 5- to 15-minute prerecorded videos featured in IHA Today and in the new IHA Digital on Demand store.

IHA associate members who developed strategies to remain engaged and bring joy to their lives and careers are encouraged to submit ideas for Wellness Bites. The content can be prerecorded or IHA can help with production.

Click [HERE](#) to submit an idea.

Email [Michelle Ketelsen](#) at IHA with questions.

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## NewsStand

### Iowa news

- [DMACC to launch new emergency responder program this fall](#)
- [UIHC among 14 health systems identified with strong finances](#)
- [UI Hospitals and Clinics' chief nurse executive named interim CEO](#)

### National news

- [What happened to contact tracing?](#)
- [COVID-19 predictions? These experts are done with them](#)
- [Don't count out delta just yet](#)

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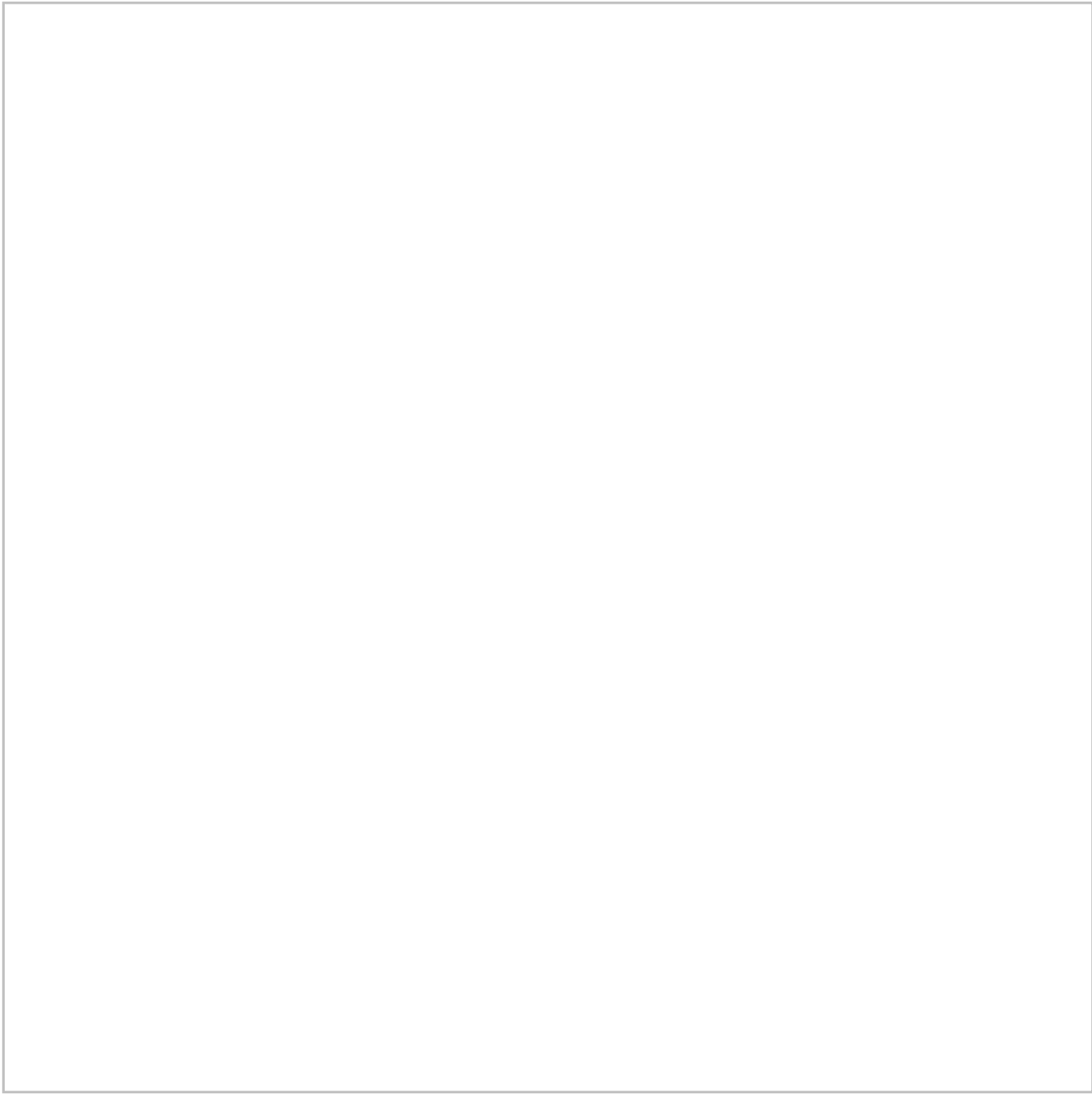
## Upcoming events

- [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

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## Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

Are you looking for qualified health care professionals for your Iowa hospital? [HospitalCareers.com](https://www.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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