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### **IDPH issues COVID-19 therapeutic reporting reminder**

Sites receiving COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies, preexposure prophylaxis treatment or oral antivirals must comply with federal reporting requirement. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in the loss of COVID-19 therapeutic provider status and removal of COVID-19 therapeutic products.

Federal reporting requirements state:

- **Monoclonal antibodies REGEN-COV, bamlanivimab/etesevimab and sotrovimab** - Report on-hand and usage data every Wednesday in EMResource for hospitals, NHSN for long-term care facilities or Teletracking for all other sites.
- **Preexposure prophylaxis treatment or oral antivirals Evusheld, Paxlovid, molnupiravir** - Report on-hand and usage data daily in HPop.

The Iowa Department of Public Health will closely monitor and track inventory and administration of COVID-19 therapeutics distributed to Iowa health care providers and organizations.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



## **Be an advocate at IHA's 2022 virtual Hospital Day on the Hill**

Hospital advocates are crucial to make positive change to health care policies in Iowa. The voices of IHA members and hospital advocates help communicate the important work hospitals do for their patients and communities. That's why it's important to join IHA's 2022 virtual Hospital Day on the Hill.

The virtual event will include a chat between IHA President and CEO Chris Mitchell and American Hospital Association Executive Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy Stacey Hughes. A panel of Iowa legislators will share their health care goals and take questions from members and hospital advocates. Gov. Kim Reynolds also will address members about her priorities for 2022.

The 2022 IHA Virtual Hospital Day on the Hill is scheduled from 3:45-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23.

Register [HERE](#).

Email [Tori Hanson](#) at IHA with questions.

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## **Health systems can apply for funding to improve patient outcomes**

The Patient-centered Outcomes Research Institute will launch an American Hospital Association-informed initiative to provide funding to help health care delivery systems

and provider-affiliated health plans implement practices to improve patient outcomes based on institute-funded research. The institute's board of governors committed five years of funding, up to \$50 million, to support program implementation thought its Health Systems Implementation Initiative.

The call for proposals to participate in the initiative will open Feb. 15.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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### **Government Accountability Office launches survey about data breach reporting**

The Government Accountability Office is surveying health care entities and business associates covered by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act to learn more about their experiences complying with the Department of Health and Human Services' data-breach reporting requirements and its efforts to improve the data-breach reporting process.

The survey will inform a future Government Accountability Office report to Congress about data-breach reporting, including challenges reported by health care entities. The survey is open until 3 p.m. Friday.

Click [HERE](#) to access the survey.

*The Government Accountability Office will receive aggregate responses to the survey and will not attribute specific comments to specific individuals or organizations in its report. SurveyMonkey responses are securely stored in accredited data centers that adhere to security and technical best practices.*

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## **Conference to highlight issues of importance for auxilians and volunteers**

IHA's Auxilians and Volunteers personal membership group annual conference will feature innovative ideas for program development, the state of hospitals in Iowa and how auxilians, volunteers and leaders can continue to support their hospitals and themselves.

Several volunteer and auxiliary managers at IHA member hospitals will share new programs they implemented at IHA's Growth in the Face of Adversity: How Auxilians and Volunteers can Rise to the Challenges That Are Here to Stay conference. Participants will hear from:

- Kirsten Heerdt, volunteer services coordinator/public information, [Henry County Health Center](#), Mount Pleasant.
- Mary O'Brien, manager of volunteer services, special events and the Glass Apple Gift Shop, [UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's Sioux City](#).
- Vickie Newell, manager of volunteer and older adult services, [Mary Greeley Medical Center](#), Ames.
- Staci Fry, executive director of volunteer services, [UnityPoint Health-Des Moines](#).

Preventing burnout in auxilians and volunteers will also be discussed.

The conference is scheduled from 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 9.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## **Registration open for risk management, medical liability webinar**

Assured Partners, a ServiShare and COPIC partner, will host a webinar to help hospitals and medical facilities enhance their risk-management planning to prevent claims, reinforce patient safety and improve outcomes.

Gerald Zarlengo, COPIC chief executive officer, will discuss his work as a partner in an OB-GYN practice and offer insight into identifying high-risk areas, implementing processes for improvement and reducing adverse outcomes and claims.

Leadership Lessons in Risk Management and Medical Liability is scheduled from 11 a.m.-noon Friday, Feb. 25.

Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## **NewsStand**

### **Iowa news**

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- [Clive parent who lost son to suicide encourages talks on mental health](#)
- [State auditor finds no significant concerns in Iowa COVID-19 data](#)

### **National news**

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- [Pfizer applies to FDA for two-shot vaccine for children under 5](#)
- [Huge volumes of COVID-19 hospital waste threaten health](#)

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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
- [Housing as Health Care: Addressing Social Determinants of Health Through Real Estate](#): Tuesday, Feb. 22
- [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
- [The Art of the Interview](#): Tuesday, March 8

- [Iowa Hospital Auxilian and Volunteer Conference](#): Wednesday, March 9
  - [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
  - [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
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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](#) 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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