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Thursday, April 14, 2022

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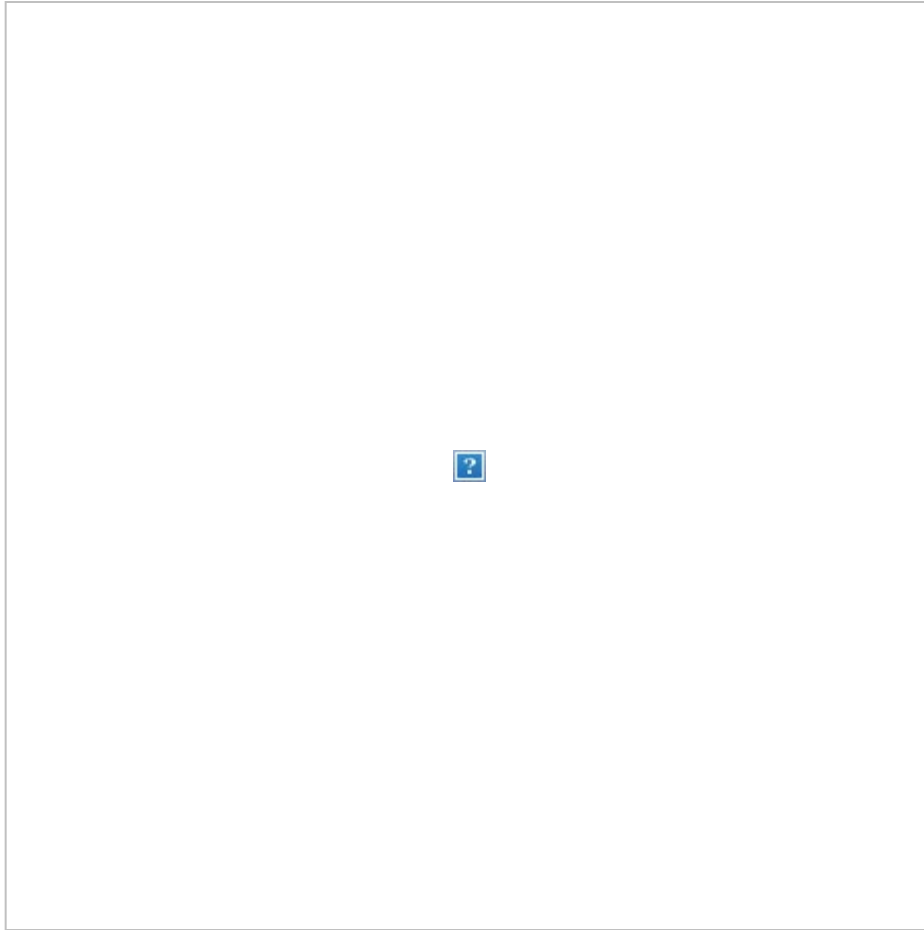
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COVID-19 public health emergency extended

President Joe Biden extended the designation of COVID-19 as a national emergency. The national public emergency was set to expire April 16. The Department of Health and Human Services said it will give 60 days' notice before termination or expiration of the public health emergency.

Although Iowa's state-declared emergency ended Feb. 15, Iowa still must follow federal guidelines in place including honoring federal waivers.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Not too late to register for 2022 Governance Forum

There's still time to register for the two-day 2022 Governance Forum, where participants will answer the question, "Where do we go from here?" Sessions will help hospital leaders build long-term success for their organizations while looking at the financial and mental impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Adam Walter, vice president of Lument Company in Kansas City, Missouri, will explore funding and other strategic options for organizations to invest in their future. Gerard Clancy, M.D., University of Iowa, also will discuss how to foster a culture of well-being and peer-to-peer support.

Other topics of discussion include:

- Board roles and responsibilities.
- Employee self-care.
- State and federal advocacy updates.

The Governance Forum is scheduled from Friday, April 22-Saturday, April 23. A reception at the Embassy Suites to celebrate certified or recertified boards and trustees will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the Friday session.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to register. Email [Ellen Waller](#) at IHA with registration questions.

IHA releases latest hospital data trends

IHA has collected data trends from 99 Iowa hospitals for [January-February 2022](#) as compared with the same time frame in 2021:

- Acute discharges increased 1% as acute patient days increased 9.6%.
- Ambulatory surgery visits (hospital based) decreased 9.5%.
- Average length of stay increased 7.7%.
- Births increased 2.4%.
- Charity care decreased 18.8%.
- Emergency Department visits decreased 1.2%.
- Facility employment (excluding physicians) increased 13.1%.
- Inpatient admissions from the emergency department increased 2.6%.
- Inpatient surgeries decreased 11.3%.
- Medicaid acute discharges decreased 0.9% and Medicaid acute patient days increased 6.1%.
- Net patient revenue (collected charges) increased 6.6%.
- Outpatient utilization increased 18.4%.
- Total expenses increased 12%.
- Uncompensated care (bad debts) increased 30.8%.

Email [Allison Martin](#) at IHA with questions.

Complete IDPH, CDC survey about improving infection control

The Iowa Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to work together to create educational materials about infection control practices through [Project Firstline](#).

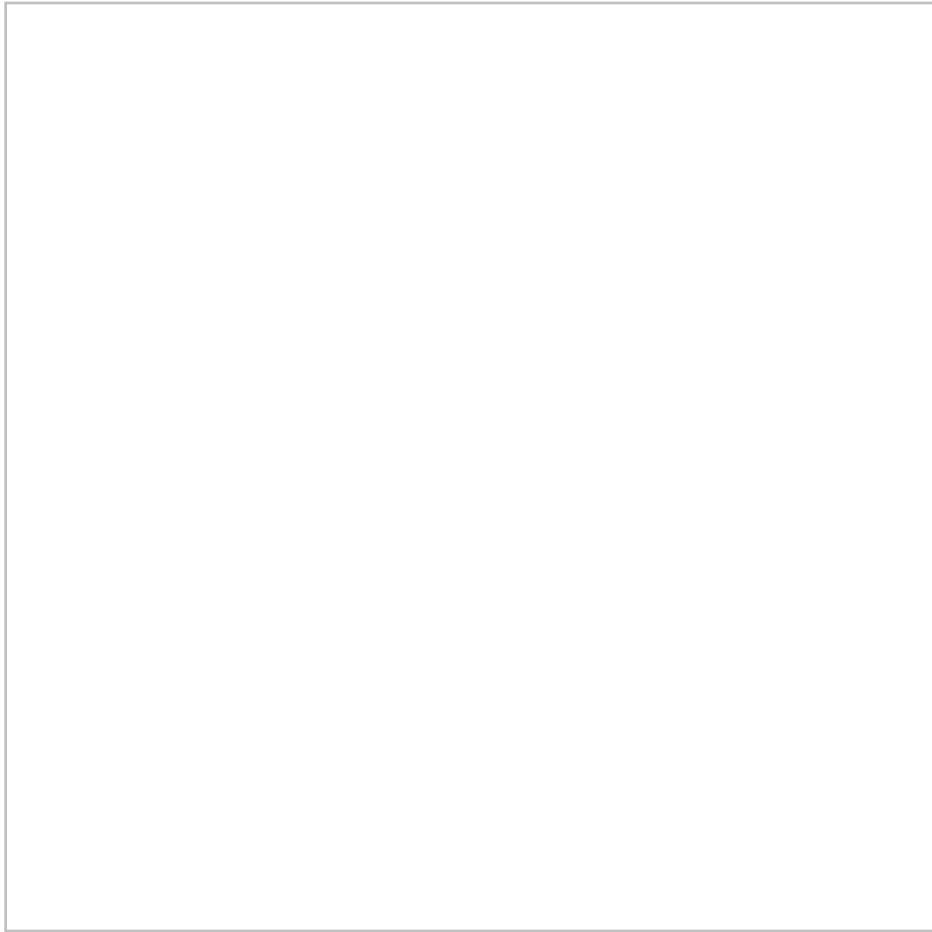
The CDC created a survey to better understand infection control practices used by Iowa front-line health care workers. Using the survey results, Project Firstline will design new content so health care workers can understand and confidently apply infection control principles and protocols.

Health care workers from all backgrounds and settings are encouraged to take the 2-3 minute survey.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to access the survey.



Practice gratitude to combat burnout



Have a Wellness Byte? IHA members that have found tools and strategies that can help sustain through change and challenges and to continue to find joy, purpose and meaning in their work are encouraged to suggest ideas. Content can be submitted or IHA can help with production.

To submit an idea, click [HERE](#) or email [Joah Hogan](#) at IHA.

NewsStand

Iowa news

- [New clinic opens in Des Moines to treat long COVID-19](#)
- [NAMI offering family mental health education programs](#)
- [How fentanyl is driving the rate of overdose deaths across Iowa](#)

National news

- [Oracle extends Cerner tender offer for third time](#)
- [Why health care inflation remains steady amid soaring prices elsewhere](#)
- [Incomplete data likely masks a rise in U.S. COVID-19 cases](#)

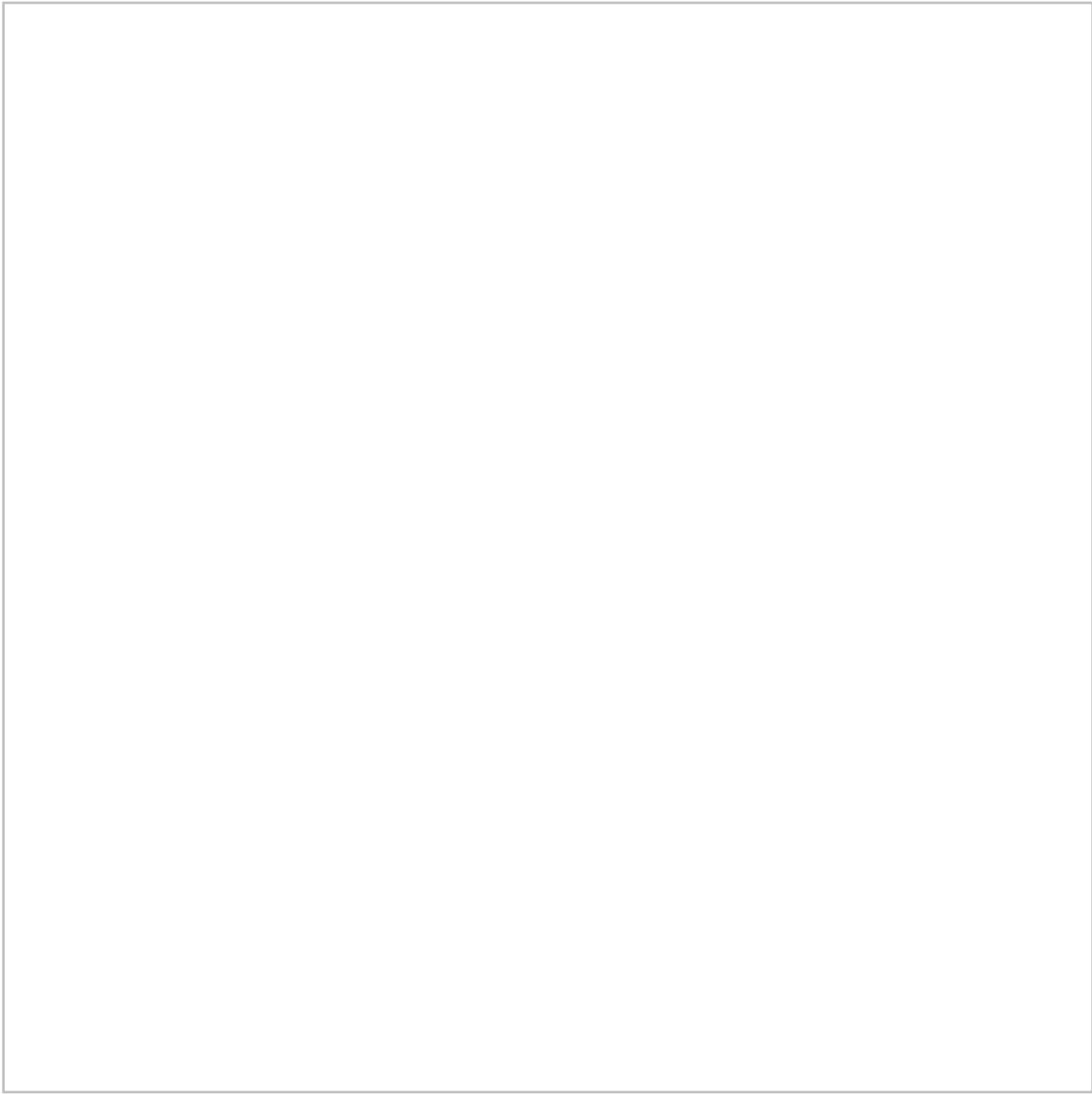
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Upcoming events

- [Delegate More to Achieve More](#): Tuesday, April 19
- [Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Plan - The New, the Old and the Success!](#): Tuesday, April 19.
- [IHA Governance Forum](#): Friday, April 22 - Saturday, April 23
- [Exploring Social Determinants of Health Data](#): Thursday, April 28
- [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Health Care](#): Monday, May 2 - Monday, Sept. 12
- [Creating Successes: IHA's Summer Series for Health Care Leaders](#): Tuesday, May 3 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Foundation Professionals for Iowa Hospitals Spring Conference](#): Tuesday, May 3
- [Iowa Society for Healthcare Marketing and Public Relations Conference](#): Wednesday, May 4
- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Conference](#): Tuesday, May 10
- [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference](#): Thursday, May 19
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 26
- [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Conference](#): Thursday, June 16
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

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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