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Saturday, May 7, 2022

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Hospital Week begins Sunday

“We Are Health Care” is the theme of National Hospital Week beginning Sunday. We Are Health Care recognizes the men and women who work in hospital and health systems, and the vital roles they play in their communities and society.

“Every day, our hospitals and health care staff provide care and compassion to the communities they serve,” said Chris Mitchell, president and CEO of IHA. “Hospitals play an integral role in Iowa as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are grateful for their dedication and perseverance.”

IHA is proud to support Iowa hospitals with their missions and goals by [advocating for sound health care policy](#) and [offering educational opportunities](#) so hospitals can provide innovative care for their patients and communities.

IHA thanks Iowa hospitals for their continued service to their communities.

Report about impact of COVID-19 on rural hospitals available

The Bipartisan Policy Center has released [The Impact of COVID-19 on the Rural Health Care Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities](#). The report includes recommendations to strengthen rural health care, including:

- Broadening access to virtual care.
- Ensuring an adequate rural health care workforce.
- Providing stabilization for rural health systems.
- Strengthening the rural emergency hospital model.

IHA contributed to the report and facilitated interviews between the Bipartisan Policy Center and Iowa hospitals.

FDA identifies counterfeit COVID-19 tests

The Food and Drug Administration launched a new [website listing counterfeit over-the-counter COVID-19](#) tests. The FDA lists two unauthorized tests made to look like authorized iHealth and Flowflex tests. The FDA will update the page as needed to alert health care providers, distributors and the public.

Resources available to communicate about vaccines

[Several health care organizations partnered](#) to create and distribute an educational module about vaccine communications. The [Communicating About Vaccines – COVID-19 and More](#) module is a free web-based training divided into three parts:

- The dangers of COVID-19 and an explanation of the U.S. vaccine approval process.
- Best practices in vaccine communication.
- Review and resources.

The module was developed for adult and pediatric providers, immunization advocates and community members. Continuing education credit is available.

CMS updates coverage, reimbursements for COVID-19 vaccines

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released [updates for coverage and reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccines](#), vaccine administration and cost sharing under Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program and Basic Health Program toolkit.

Updates include:

- Streamlined language about the [Food and Drug Administration](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)’s vaccine authorization.
 - Updated information about dental billing codes and wind down of the Health Resources Services Administration’s uninsured and underinsured funds.
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Iowa news

- [A vision of the mental health system we could have in Iowa](#)
- [SWI Mental Health and Disability Services awards grants to Jennie Edmundson](#)

National news

- [COVID-19’s toll in the U.S. reaches one million deaths](#)
- [The impact of COVID-19 on the rural health care landscape](#)
- [What COVID-19 might look like](#)

- [UI Health Care joins COVID-19 booster shot clinical trial](#)

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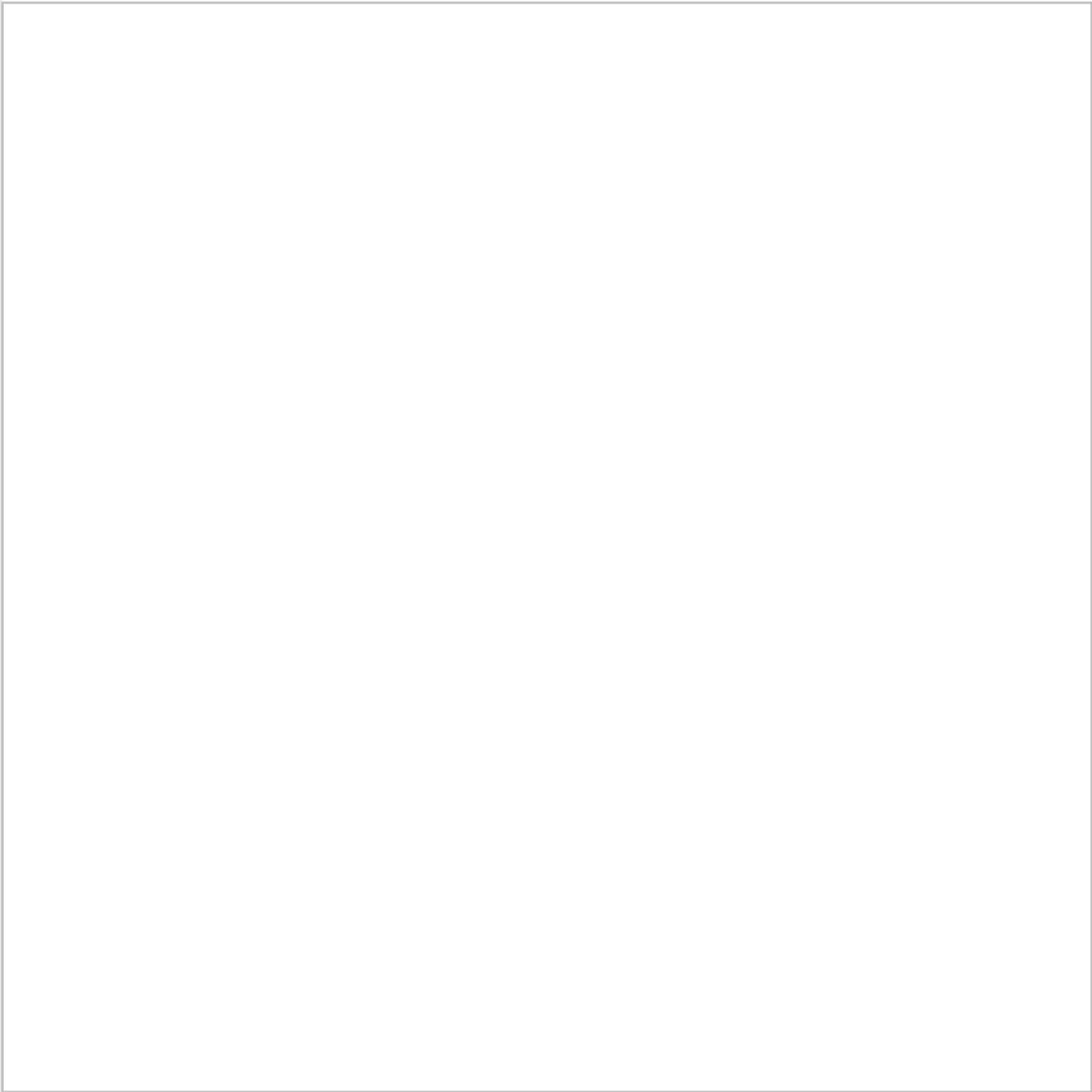
- [Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Series](#): Wednesday, May 11 - Wednesday, May 25
- [2022 IHA Governance Webinar Series](#): Tuesday, May 17 - Tuesday, Nov. 15
- [2022 IHA Employment Law Four-Part Virtual Series](#): Tuesday, May 24 - Tuesday, Aug. 16
- [Celebrate Everything](#): Wednesday, May 25
- [Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program](#): Thursday, June 2
- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Thursday, June 14
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

In-person meetings

- [Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Conference](#): Tuesday, May 10
- [Iowa Society of Healthcare Attorneys Conference](#): Thursday, May 19
- [Iowa Trauma Coordinators Spring Conference](#): Thursday, May 26
- [IHA Tee Off Golf Classic](#): Wednesday, June 8
- [IHA Summer Leadership Forum](#): Thursday, June 9
- [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Conference](#): Thursday, June 16

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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