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Saturday, June 11, 2022

### Today's headlines:

- [IHA advocacy team weekly roundup](#)
- [GDMP, One Iowa to host LGBTQ inclusion webinar](#)
- [Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine available for ordering next week](#)
- [FBI alerts health sector about extortion scheme](#)

### IHA advocacy team weekly roundup

The 2022 primary election was held Tuesday, June 7, and now the slates are set for the upcoming mid-term elections in November. There were five hospital leaders and clinicians among the candidates winning this week. With both party fields now narrowed, IHA's advocacy team will begin legislative interviews in the upcoming weeks.

The IHA advocacy team highlighted the major legislative issues of the 2022 legislative session at the IHA Tee Off Golf Classic and to the IHA Board of Officers and Trustees. Key topics discussed included:

- Certificate of need.
- Behavioral health issues and tiered psychiatric and telehealth reimbursements.
- Tort reform.
- COVID-19 legislation.
- Three bills waiting for Gov. Kim Reynolds' signature expanding existing workforce recruitment and retention programs.

Additional meetings this week included:

- The Rural Healthcare Workforce Strategic Planning and Stakeholder Workgroup focusing on action items in its strategic plan advancing Iowa's health care workforce.
- The tertiary care, psychiatric care and forensic care workgroup discussing psychiatric inpatient care development and its connection to tertiary and forensic care.





Winners of the 2022 primary election included several health care leaders and candidates with strong hospital ties. Several incumbents lost their primary races.

### GDMP, One Iowa to host LGBTQ inclusion webinar

The Greater Des Moines Partnership and One Iowa will host a webinar to help organizations create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for their LGBTQ staff. Participants in the [Untapped Talent – LGBTQ Inclusion](#) webinar will learn about:

- LGBTQ issues.
- LGBTQ identities.
- The differences among sex, gender and sexual orientation.

The webinar intends to help organizations build on their policies and strategies for LGBTQ inclusion and create an employee-retention strategy enabling workers to be more productive and experience greater job satisfaction.

The webinar is scheduled from 1-2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23.

### Pfizer Comirnaty vaccine available for ordering next week

The Pfizer vaccine, Comirnaty, is the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive full Food and Drug Administration approval as a two-dose series for people 16 and older. The Iowa Department of Public Health anticipates the vaccine will be used to fill a portion of [Pfizer adult vaccine orders beginning Monday, June 13](#). IDPH will send local public health agencies the vaccine allocation surveys the same day.

The minimum order quantity of Comirnaty will be 300 doses, but availability and amount of the vaccine will be limited. IDPH will fill as many of the requests as possible.

### FBI alerts health sector about extortion scheme

The FBI released an [alert late this week about a criminal extortion scheme](#). People impersonating state licensing board representatives, the FBI or Drug Enforcement

Administration special agents call licensed medical professionals and suggest their professional licenses have been connected to criminal investigations.

The perpetrators say the medical professional is the subject of a money-laundering investigation and request the professional liquidate their accounts and pay thousands of dollars. The FBI reports three cases in Atlanta.

Physicians who have been contacted by a suspected scammer with this scheme should report it to the [local FBI field office](#) and the [FBI Internet Crimes Complaint Center](#).

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- [Iowa numbers continue to seesaw](#)
- [UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's partners with Wings One](#)

### National news

- [Proposed bill would protect health care workers like airline staff](#)
- [Atlanta system first to face fines for price transparency violations](#)
- [HHS sounds alarm about 'most dangerous malware' in health care](#)

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## Online education

- [Common Life Safety Code Deficiencies](#): Tuesday, June 14
- [Emergency Preparedness Regulatory Conditions of Participation](#): Tuesday, June 28
- [Workplace Violence Program Workshop](#): Thursday, June 30 - Thursday, Aug. 18

## In-person meetings

- [Behavioral Health Affiliate of Iowa Conference](#): Thursday, June 16
- [Iowa Alliance in Home Care Summer Conference](#): Thursday, June 23

## Hospital jobs site connects hospitals with qualified candidates

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