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Tuesday, June 21, 2022

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Infant, toddler COVID-19 vaccines approved for emergency use

The Food and Drug Administration gave emergency-use authorization Friday for both the [Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for children 6 months and older](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention signed off on the plan Saturday.

The CDC's recommendations differ for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and the Moderna vaccine. The CDC recommends:

- Children 6 months-4 years old should receive a three-dose primary series of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. The first and second doses should be separated by three to eight weeks and the second and third doses should be separated by at least eight weeks.
- Children 6 months-5 years old should received a two-dose primary series of the Moderna vaccine separated by three to eight weeks and one booster dose at least five months after completion of the primary series.

Health care providers should continue to vaccinate 6-17 year olds with the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

IHA releases community benefit surveys and economic impact data

IHA launched a [public dashboard with data from the Community Benefit and Economic Impact](#) surveys. Users can search and filter data for a statewide, county or hospital-specific look at the:

- Economic impact of Iowa's hospitals.
- People served through community benefit programs.
- Total community benefit.

[Members are encouraged to share hospital-specific data and details](#) about their

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[members are encouraged to share hospital-specific data and stories](#) about their community benefit programs and economic impact with legislators, local media, business leaders and community groups.

IHA members can access the dashboard through the Dimensions Discover Datalytics. Email [Allison Martin](#) or [Sara Hayes](#) at IHA with questions.

IHA advocacy team weekly preview

The 30-day window for Gov. Kim Reynolds's to sign 2022 legislation into law is approaching. The IHA advocacy team anticipates the 2022 legislative summary will be available in the coming weeks. The summary will provide an in-depth breakdown of legislation that passed or died this year.

The advocacy team this week also will meet with the Iowa Pharmacy Association and the organization's new lobbyists.

Follow-up stories will be included in the Saturday edition of IHA Today.

IHA PAC campaign is heating up

The 2022 IHA PAC campaign officially kicked off at the 2022 IHA Tee Off Golf Classic and donations are coming in. The campaign is almost one-third of the way to its goal with [total contributions of \\$37,403 as of Monday, June 20](#). Special thanks to these Ben Franklin Club-level donors (\$1,000+) since the start of the campaign:

- Jason Harrington, President/CEO, [Lakes Regional Healthcare](#).
- Marty Guthmiller, CEO, [Orange City Area Health System](#).
- Rodney Nordeng, CEO, [Select Specialty Hospital-Des Moines](#).
- Steve Simonin, President/CEO, [Iowa Specialty Hospital-Clarion](#).
- Teri Wahlig, CEO, [ChildServe](#).
- Dustin Wright, CEO, [Floyd Valley Healthcare](#).

[IHA PAC Committee Chair Jason Harrington campaign encourages](#) hospitals and health systems to get involved with the 2022 IHA PAC campaign to ensure they have a strong voice at the Capitol.

[Learn more about IHA's advocacy and the IHA PAC here.](#)

Direct questions about the IHA PAC to ihapac@ihaonline.org or 515-288-1955.

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Workforce resources available from IDPH

The Iowa Department of Public Health has several upcoming webinars to help job seekers and employers address workforce issues. The webinars include information sessions about loan repayment and grant writing.

[Substance-use Disorder Treatment and Recover Loan Repayment Program](#)

The program provides up to \$250,000 to eligible substance-use disorder health professionals in exchange for a six-year, full-time service commitment at an

Question-and-answer sessions are scheduled from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays:

- June 23.
- June 30.
- July 7.

Applications for the program are due 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7.

Rural health grant writing workshop

The Iowa State Office of Rural Health will offer a virtual rural-health grant-writing workshop in partnership with the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health.

The two-day workshop will include interactive training to help grant writers identify funders and prepare successful grant applications. Health providers, clinics, hospitals, public health professionals and community coalition leaders are encouraged to attend.

The workshop is scheduled from:

- 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, June 23.
- 9 a.m.-noon Friday, June 24.

Career resources

IDPH also provides resources for job seekers and employers. The [Iowa Rural Healthcare Workforce Connection website provides training modules and opportunities](#) for mental health technicians, emergency medical technicians, certified nurses aides, certified medical assistants, radiology technicians, dental assistants and medical billing and coding specialists.

To help health care organizations in rural and underserved communities find health care professionals, [3RNET allows organizations to post job openings](#). Organizations will received personalized referrals of interested professionals who match the exact specialities needed.

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Iowa news

- [Mental health care won in 2022 legislative session](#)
- [Greene County Medical Center trustees earn IHA certification](#)
- [New Iowa law targets drug intermediaries to reduce costs, protect pharmacies](#)

National news

- [AHA: Do not buy into 'misguided' assessments of price transparency compliance](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccine timing, side effects and efficacy for kids under 5](#)
- [Congressional deal for COVID-19 funds 'all but dead'](#)

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Online education

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

In-person meetings

- [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](#) 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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