ACTION NEEDED REPORTING

Governors, Lith. - 9/18, and others are using your HCA's reports to the state for PPE inventories. In addition, the Federal government has recently asked states to submit their policies. Please reach out to your designated point person for reporting on this new data. This data will become critical to decision-making. PPE is very clear, state data inventories will now be expected to receive PPE equipment. The task force is in the process of developing a central email address for any state to be able to report on their available inventory. The White House has started to create a webpage to track these inventories. Please send any additional questions or concerns you may have to your HCA.

PPE Availability

Each state should be receiving more PPE supplies in the next 36 hours. The PPE inventory numbers are to be confirmed by Friday, March 20 if you need help, contact your local health district where, through WEB EOC, you can request PPE. PLEASE specify the type of PPE you need and the quantity you need. Some have not been doing that - just checking the box to say they need PPE. We encourage states to check their inventory, bed availability and other key indicators. Please make sure your designated point person has a contact on the WEB EOC to facilitate this request. PPE will be distributed to the states and will be managed centrally.

Testing Update

The White House released an RFI for vendors to bring additional testing to Covid-19. The RFI is aimed at small and medium testing companies, not just the large ones. The White House is seeking to increase the number of COVID-19 tests available. The RFI is aimed at small and medium testing companies, not just the large ones. The White House is seeking to increase the number of COVID-19 tests available. The RFI is aimed at small and medium testing companies, not just the large ones. The White House is seeking to increase the number of COVID-19 tests available. The RFI is aimed at small and medium testing companies, not just the large ones. The White House is seeking to increase the number of COVID-19 tests available.

Temporary Nurse Licensure

The Idaho Board of Nursing has adopted temporary provisions allowing hospital employees to remain licensed even after they leave. Any hospital employee who wishes to remain licensed must be actively involved in patient care. The Board's decision was based on the fact that nurses are leaving hospital positions in large numbers. The Board also acknowledged the need to prioritize patient care over business considerations when making such decisions.

Reimbursement & Policy

1135 Waiver for Hospitals

Hawley Troxell, IHA’s legal advisors, has prepared a summary of the key provisions of the Coronavirus Response Act that will impact employers including emergency hospitals.

HR ~ Impact on Employers of Family First Coronavirus Act

Other waiver authorities published March 17 can be applied for by the state. Today, Governor Little, IHA, and others are relying on your daily reporting to the state of PPE inventory, bed availability, and other key indicators. Please make sure your designated point person has a contact on the WEB EOC to facilitate this request. PPE will be distributed to the states and will be managed centrally.

Virtual Meetings & Updates

ECHO Idaho

Please join the Idaho COVID-19 information virtual discussion with a panel of experts Tuesday, March 24 from 12p-1:30pm (MTN). To be responsive to Idaho’s time zones and to accommodate busy schedules, the session’s format will be a didactic presentation (20 min.), Q&A (50 min.), repeated didactic presentation (20 min.).

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