

COVID-19 Daily Report to Members ~ April 1, 2020



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Thanks for all you are doing!

## ACTION NEEDED

### Resource Reporting

Today, IDHW added new data components to the IRTS (Idaho Resource Tracking System). The additional query asks hospitals to report on staffed and available beds, respiratory therapists, negative pressure machines, and available ventilators. Hospitals are asked to **complete this and the supply data query daily** throughout the crisis. This data will be critical for continued planning, supply acquisition, and surge preparations.

## Reimbursement & Policy

### Federal funding for hospitals coming soon

Federal funding for hospitals through HHS' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response is forthcoming. Approved in March under the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020, \$50 million will be directed to hospitals via hospital associations.

IHA was notified that Idaho has been allotted approximately \$313,000 to be distributed among IHA's Type I members. IHA is completing the application for funding and expects to have that amount sent to IHA by approximately April 10 and will distribute to IHA members via the approved distribution methodology.

Hospital CEOs should watch for an email this week which will include a sub-recipient agreement that must be returned to receive funding. Other than completing the documentation and adhering to the terms and conditions, IHA members do not have any other actions to take to receive the funding.

IHA staff continue to research how the next round of funding through the CARES Act will be transmitted to hospitals and will provide that information as it becomes available.

## Resources & Equipment

### PPE conservation

The Governor has ENCOURAGED providers to conserve PPE as much as possible. While decontamination and reuse of filtering facepiece respirators (FFR) is not generally approved, the CDC has issued guidance that FFR decontamination and reuse may need to be considered as a crisis capacity strategy to ensure continued availability. Based on the limited research available, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, vaporous hydrogen peroxide, and moist heat showed the most promise as potential methods to decontaminate FFRs. [This document](#) summarizes research about decontamination of FFRs before reuse.

Caldwell-based Reyco Systems reached out last week to help hospitals keep their staff and patients safe and equipment sanitized during the outbreak. The company, which specialized in ultraviolet germicidal irradiation, generally works with food processors; however, research is showing the value of the technology in the healthcare sector as well. Our thanks to the Idaho Press Tribune for the article.

### Crisis care resources

As hospital teams prepare for the patient surge, AHA has shared a list of resources, tools and sample policies that hospital and clinical leaders may find helpful in developing their own organization's approach to [caring for patients with limited resources or under crisis circumstances](#). In addition to resources related to clinical ethics and crisis standards of care, this compilation includes selected COVID-19 related protocols and educational tools from hospitals and specialty societies that grapple with challenging circumstances.

## Quality & Patient Safety

### Board of Medicine license renewals delayed

The Board of Medicine is [delaying all license renewals](#) and supervisory registrations set to expire on June 30, 2020 in Idaho. All licensees and those with supervisory registrations will not be required to renew their license to practice medicine until later this year. All licensees are being notified of this extension.

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