



## Reimbursement & Policy

### [FEMA funding applications and process now available](#)

Today, we received confirmation that the elements needed to allow Idaho's non-profit and governmental hospitals to **access federal FEMA funding** have been put in place. Under the FEMA emergency declaration, hospitals may apply for Type B funding for **certain emergency protective measures**.

Additional resources and information, as well as the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) which would need to be filled out by each hospital/clinic seeking funding and the required PNP Questionnaire are available through the Idaho Office of Emergency Management's **COVID-19 disaster website**.

For additional information, please contact **Larry Tisdale** (IHA) or **Jarod Dick** (IOEM).

## Resources & Equipment

### [More UV units delivered to hospitals](#)

IHA helped Reyco Systems of Caldwell distribute ultraviolet light decontamination equipment to additional hospitals. Today, Tom Murphy, CEO of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, received one of the Reyco Systems Steril-Aire UV-C wands - which will assist in decontamination of N-95 masks and other PPE.



## Quality & Patient Safety

### [CDC guidance on clinical specimen swabs](#)

The CDC clarified allowances for other swab types using new data which aligns with Food and Drug Administration guidance by designating the following as acceptable alternatives to nasopharyngeal swabs:

- oropharyngeal specimen collected by a health care professional;
- nasal mid-turbinate swab collected by a health care professional or by onsite self-collection (using a flocked tapered swab); or
- anterior nares (nasal swab) specimen collected by a health care professional or by onsite self-collection (using a flocked or spun polyester swab).

## Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

### [Podcast on COVID-19 and cybersecurity](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought with it a rise in cyber threats to hospitals and health systems. On this AHA Advancing Health podcast, John Riggi, AHA senior advisor for cybersecurity and risk (and a recent IHA Convention presenter), and FBI Cyber Division Senior Executive, Herb Stapleton, discuss what is at risk and what can be done to protect against a cyberattack. **[Listen to the podcast](#)**.

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