

COVID-19 Daily Report to Members ~ May 12, 2020



## Reimbursement & Policy

### Temporary FDA rules to help alleviate with drug shortages

To help expedite the availability of certain medications needed by hospitals, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expanded the list of drugs covered under newly flexible compounding policies. Included are two, morphine sulfate and epinephrine, which may be in short supply due to the pandemic.

Under the temporary policy, the FDA said it does not intend to take action against pharmacies for compounding drug products that are essentially copies of commercially available drugs or for providing drugs to hospitals without first obtaining patient-specific prescriptions, as long as certain circumstances outlined in the [guidance](#) are present and other conditions are met.



## Resources & Equipment

### COVID-19 drug to be shipped to Idaho hospitals

A handful of Idaho hospitals with the largest concentration of COVID-19 patients will receive shipments of the [experimental drug remdesivir](#). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to permit the use of the unapproved product remdesivir for treatment of suspected or laboratory confirmed COVID-19 in hospitalized adults and children. Gilead Sciences, Inc. committed to supplying approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks to treat an estimated 78,000 hospitalized COVID-19 patients under the EUA granted by the FDA. The donation to the United States is part of 1.5 million vials of remdesivir the company is donating worldwide.

## Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

### Governor's Idaho Rebounds press conference

On Thursday, May 14 at 1p MT, Governor Little will discuss how and if Idaho can move to Stage 2 of the re-opening plan. The [press conference will be live streamed](#) on Idaho Public Television.

### Webinar ~ Resiliency and Mental Wellness in the Workplace

In this free webinar, Dr. Chad Morris, Director of the University of Colorado Behavioral Health & Wellness Program, will share proven strategies for supporting whole health, with a focus on mental wellness. He will describe a parallel process by which leaders and workers can attend to their own well-being and, at the same time, assist colleagues who may be struggling with or at risk for mental health issues.

Thursday, May 14 ~ 11a-12p MT / 10a-11a PT  
[Registration](#)

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