



Reimbursement & Policy

[Request for liability protections](#)

This week, Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden signed on to a [letter](#) with other states asking Congress for liability protections for businesses reopening during COVID-19. The letter requests liability protections for health care workers and health care facilities, among others. The Attorneys General requested civil liability protections for all businesses and non-profit organizations, without regard to size or for-profit or not-for-profit status.

[Community confidence weighed](#)

Last week, IACI (Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry) polled 400 Idahoans from across the political spectrum about their opinions of the pandemic, reopening Idaho, and how they view healthcare professionals.

More than three-fourths support the Governor's handling of the pandemic with nearly 80% supporting his approach to reopening the economy. When asked about the role of healthcare professionals in providing guidance, 65% said they trusted them to balance the needs of community health, liberty and prosperity to move the state forward.

Resources & Equipment

[Telehealth resource and best practices](#)

The Department of Health and Human Services has [resources for providers](#) regarding the use of telehealth which includes information to help providers integrate telehealth and become informed on recent COVID-19 related policies. Resources detailing best practices for providers to help in planning their workflow, preparing patients for telehealth, getting familiar with billing and reimbursement, and understanding legal considerations are included.

[Hospital resource for planning and resuming care](#)

AHA has updated its [COVID-19 Pathways to Recovery](#), released last week. In addition to workforce, testing and contact tracing, internal and external communications, and the supply chain, the new version includes information on:

- support and ancillary services,
- plant operations/environment of care,
- financial management, and
- governance.

The document provides important considerations, questions and checklists to consider as hospitals resume comprehensive healthcare and health services for their communities.

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 ~ Physician Recruiting and Retention](#)

An engaging and instructive look at physician recruiting and retention during a unique time, [Emerging Physician Recruiting and Retention Paradigms During and Post-Covid-19](#), is a presentation likely to interest anyone who follows today's evolving healthcare trends. The webinar is complimentary to IHA members and a recording will be made available to those who register but cannot participate on May 26.

Tuesday, May 26 ~ 10a-11a MT / 9a-10a PT
[Registration](#)

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