Today, Governor Little announced that Idahoans have done their part to help flatten the curve and Idaho is ready to move to the next stage of reopening. Under the Idaho Rebounds plan, this means that restaurant dining rooms, salons and other personal care businesses, gyms, and recreation facilities can reopen if they are able to meet prescribed protocols.

An important part of Idaho’s continued forward momentum will be increasing testing, specifically for front-line workers and others at risk. Governor Little reported that 40,000 test kits are expected to arrive this month.

As Idaho progresses to the next Stage, he remains concerned that Idahoans continue to take proper precautions. “Our personal choices matter,” said Governor Little and he pointed to three goals as we move into Stage 2:

- Keeping Idahoans safe.
- Restoring the economic prosperity Idaho had 70 days ago.
- Doing everything we can so kids can go back to school in the Fall.

Resources & Equipment

Caring for those who care for us

An article published this week in the New England Journal of Medicine calls for actions to safeguard the health and well-being of clinicians. Preventing a Parallel Pandemic - A National Strategy to Protect Clinicians’ Well-Being, identifies both organizational and national actions needed to make sure the mental and physical effects of this pandemic don’t further erode and irreparably damage our clinical workforce.

Organizational Actions

- Integrate the work of chief wellness officers or clinician well-being programs into Covid-19 “command centers” or other organizational decision-making bodies for the duration of the crisis.
- Ensure the psychological safety of clinicians through anonymous reporting mechanisms that allow them to advocate for themselves and their patients without fear of reprisal.
- Sustain and supplement existing well-being programs.

National Actions

- Allocate federal funding for care for clinicians who experience physical and mental health effects of Covid-19 service.
- Allocate federal funding to set up a national epidemiologic tracking program to measure clinician well-being and report on the outcomes of interventions.

Governance resource ~ Beyond Bylaws

In this month’s Trustee Insights newsletter, AHA shared information that may be of value for hospital trustees. Examining lessons learned during the pandemic, author Laura Orr, Chief Strategy and Governance Officer at Children’s Wisconsin, provides four tenets that can be useful as boards respond to the current crisis and prepare for the future.

Quality & Patient Safety

Framework for Clinical Care

The CDC recently updated the Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID-19 Clinical Care During the Pandemic to provide clinicians a planning template for their non-COVID-19 patients.

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