



Thanks to the crews from Gowen Field and Mountain Home AFB for celebrating the dedication of our hospital heroes during Flyover Friday

Reimbursement & Policy

Potential uninsured in Idaho

The Kaiser Family Foundation released a study this week looking at the **potential scope of uninsured** due to the pandemic. While an estimated 20 million will become eligible for subsidized coverage through state exchanges or expanded Medicaid, another 6 million will lose their employer-sponsored coverage but not be eligible for those options. In addition to analyzing the present impacts, KFF also looked at the potential number of uninsured after unemployment insurance benefits cease.

May 2020	Uninsured - loss of emp. ins.	Medicaid eligible	Coverage Gap	Tax Credit eligible	Ineligible for assistance
US	26,789,000	12,735,000	149,000	8,350,000	5,555,000
Idaho	113,000	66,000	-	29,000	18,000

Jan 2021	Uninsured - loss of emp. ins.	Medicaid eligible	Coverage Gap	Tax Credit eligible	Ineligible for assistance
US	26,789,000	16,791,000	1,924,000	6,184,000	1,890,000
Idaho	113,000	84,000	-	29,000	18,000

Resources & Equipment

FDA expresses concern about Abbott testing

Yesterday, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an alert regarding **potential inaccurate false negative results** from the Abbott ID NOW point-of-care tests. While they are still evaluating the data, the FDA noted that:

"the test can still be used and can correctly identify many positive cases in minutes. Negative results may need to be confirmed with a high-sensitivity authorized molecular test."

The FDA is working with Abbott to alert those who received a negative test result that was not consistent with their clinical symptoms should have another test. As of the date of the release, there have been 15 adverse event reports.

Restructuring the Strategic National Stockpile

The Trump Administration, this week, shared **plans for expanding and restructuring the country's Strategic National Stockpile**. The system will be enhanced by increasing supplies, leveraging technology, and expanding domestic production. Financing for industries producing needed elements will come from the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC).

Quality & Patient Safety

CDC updates COVID-19 forecasts

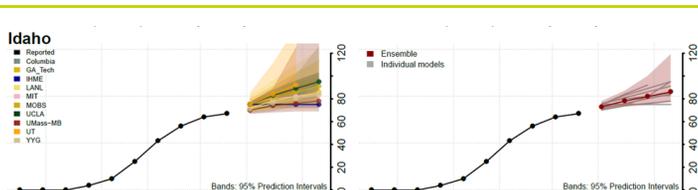
The CDC produces weekly national forecasts of cumulative death estimates. This week, these national-level forecasts include 12 individual models, which all indicate an increase in cumulative deaths in the coming weeks.

One additional model is a national ensemble forecast that combines some of the individual models to predict deaths in the next 4 weeks. This ensemble forecast suggests that the number of cumulative reported COVID-19 deaths are likely to exceed 100,000 by June 1st. Based on their experience with seasonal influenza modeling, public health officials expect the ensemble models to perform better than any single model for COVID-19.

State-level ensemble forecasts indicate that states with low numbers of COVID-19 deaths reported to date are not likely to see a rapid rise in the coming weeks, while states with high numbers of deaths reported to date are likely to see substantial increases.

Individual models make various assumptions about the levels of social distancing and other interventions, which are **described by the CDC**. The national- and state-level ensemble forecasts include models that assume certain social distancing measures will continue, and models that assume those measures will not continue. All of the models include confidence or prediction intervals which take into account uncertainty; 95% prediction intervals mean there is 95% confidence that the actual number of deaths will be within the predicted interval.

As of May 14, 2020, **Idaho reports** 72 cumulative COVID-19 deaths among Idahoans. The ensemble model forecasts 82 cumulative COVID-19 deaths (95% prediction interval: 75-100 deaths) among Idahoans by May 30. Individual models forecast up to 92 deaths by May 30 and have wider prediction intervals.



Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

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The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund contains ambiguous terms and conditions which seem to change daily. Hospitals and providers need to understand and follow each of the steps or risk missed opportunities or lost revenue. During **Free Money With Strings Attached: CARES Act Considerations for Frontier States' Healthcare Provider Organizations** hospital leaders can learn more about:

- relief payments,
- application and verification,
- attestation,
- terms & conditions,
- qualifying expenses and lost revenue,
- documentation and reporting requirements, and
- reimbursement for uncompensated care.

IHA members are invited to register for this free meeting:

Webinar ~ Free Money With Strings Attached
Tuesday, May 19
10a-11:30a MT / 9a-10:30a PT

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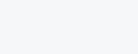
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