

COVID-19 Daily Report to Members ~ May 21, 2020



## Resources & Equipment

### [Plan drafted to distribute future remdesivir allocations](#)

Earlier this month, Idaho received ten cases of remdesivir, which has received Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the US Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of severe COVID-19. That supply was distributed to seven Idaho hospitals to provide an additional resource for hospitalized patients.

The initial distribution was sent to non-CAH hospitals. Receiving facilities were informed that they may be asked to share their supply if an urgent need developed elsewhere. The Idaho Division of Public Health has crafted a [distribution plan](#) for future shipments of remdesivir. Comments on the draft can be submitted to [Brian Whitlock](#), IHA's President/CEO, who will discuss them with the Division of Public Health prior to the document being finalized.

## Quality & Patient Safety

### [CDC updates COVID-19 guidance for newborns](#)

Yesterday, the CDC [revised guidance for clinicians caring for newborns](#) with confirmed, suspected or known exposure to COVID-19. This guidance covers the diagnosis, evaluation, infection prevention and control practices for infants younger than 29 days old.

While acknowledging the lack of information on the transmission of COVID-19 between a mother who is suspected or confirmed to have the virus and newborn, the current guidance urges separating them to reduce the risk of transmission.

According to the CDC, data suggest that infants under one year old may be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 compared with older children.

## Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

### [Webinar ~ Lessons from the front lines](#)

This week's CMS/FDA webinar will feature a discussion on COVID-19 therapeutics and best practices in communicating and caring for patients with serious illness.

**Friday, May 22**

**10:30a-12p MT / 9:30a-11a PT**

[Register](#)

### [Webinar ~ Mental healthcare for our healthcare staff](#)

ASHHRA (American Society for Healthcare Human Resources Association) is offering a free webinar exploring how the trauma of this pandemic is affecting the healthcare workforce and what supports are available. Participants will learn the basics of trauma, how to recognize signs and symptoms of common mental health concerns, and how to access appropriate support.

**Tuesday, May 26**

**12p - 1p MT / 11a-12p PT**

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