Primary Election ballots due Tuesday

While Idaho’s Primary Election Day was May 19, COVID-19 turned this vote into an all-absentee ballot election - with an extending voting period to accommodate same-day registration laws. Voters who requested and received an absentee ballot still have until 8pm Tuesday, June 2 to drop off their completed ballot at the county election office.

Reimbursement & Policy

Resource ~ Provider relief and payments

PYA, which IHA worked with to bring members a webinar on federal relief resources and requirements, has produced a printed resource on the same topics. The COVID-19 Provider Payments Breakdown provides an overview of the type of funding, key terms, access route, and action items for 15 different relief programs hospitals may have been awarded or have access to.

Resources & Equipment

Emergency Operations Center scaling back

The Idaho Emergency Operation Center has been operating at a Level 2 Activation. With the state progressing through the reopening stages, the IEOC is contemplating reducing its activation to a Level 3. That level of IEOC activation could mean some of the coordination for distribution of PPE will no longer be handled at the state level. The Idaho Office of Emergency Management told the Governor’s Working Group today that the latest FEMA shipment of PPE – which includes glasses, gowns, infrared thermometers and masks – will be sent out to each of Idaho’s 44 counties for distribution to local agencies and businesses. If your hospital is still in need of those items, please contact your county officials and submit a request for when that PPE is ready for local distribution.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

ECHO Idaho changes COVID-19 session schedule

This month, ECHO Idaho will be holding their COVID-19 session on the first and third Tuesdays. The sessions, which begin at 12p MT / 11a PAC, are designed to allow clinicians and administrative staff to address challenges during this pandemic. ECHO has also made previous sessions available for replay.