



COVID-19 Report to Members ~ December 7, 2020

Reports are sent on Mondays and Thursdays, unless there's breaking news.

Resources & Equipment

[New home-based test for COVID and flu authorized](#)

On Friday, the FDA authorized a new [test](#) allowing patients to collect and submit a sample to test for COVID-19 as well as influenza A and B. The prescription test from Quest Diagnostics allows individuals with suspected infection to self-collect samples. The single sample collection can be done at home but does require a prescription. Samples are then sent by the patient to a Quest Diagnostics lab for analysis.

[Information on differing COVID-19 vaccines](#)

The CDC recently released new [guidance](#) to help the public understand differences among the various vaccine candidates. They have also been updating the [vaccine FAQs](#) for additional information about the process for distribution as well as considerations for individuals seeking to get vaccinated.

For the latest information on Idaho's distribution plans and other information, visit the state's [COVID-19 Vaccine page](#).

[Patient load balancing and surge resource](#)

As hospitals continue to struggle with high patient volumes, ASPR (a division of HHS) routinely updates the [Patient Surge resource section](#). Resources are categorized in the following areas:

- Patient Load Balancing,
- Immediate Bed Availability and Surge Capacity,
- Crisis Standards of Care,
- Alternate Care Sites, and
- Allocation of Scarce Resources.

Virtual Meetings & Education

[Conference Call ~ CDC vaccine update, Q&A](#)

CDC officials will answer your questions related to the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

Tuesday, December 8 ~ 1p MTN / 12p PAC
Dial ~ 1.877.271.1828 Code ~ 65013107

[Webinar ~ Nursing Shortage Barriers & Challenges](#)

This complimentary webinar for IHA members will allow participants to share data and the impact of staffing shortages and learn tactics to recover from these challenges. If you cannot attend in person, register for the meeting and a replay link will be sent after the event.

Removing Barriers of Nursing Shortages & Challenges
Wednesday, December 9 ~ 10:30a MTN / 9:30a PAC
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