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Reporting deadline for federal funds nears

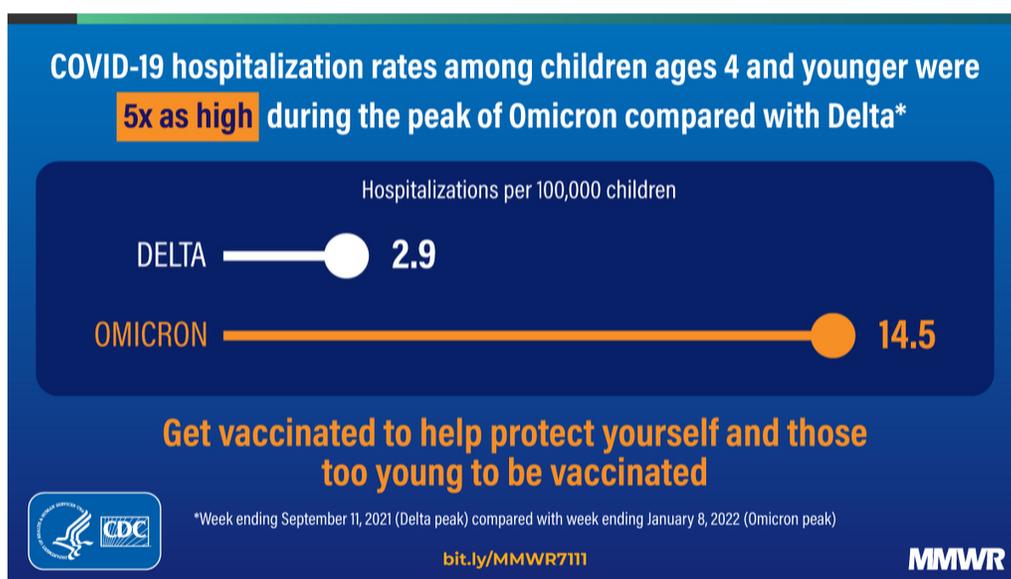
For those hospitals that received federal Provider Relief Funds (PRF), the next reporting deadline is approaching. For funds received from July 1 through December 31, 2020, hospitals must submit their report to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) by March 31. The deadline to use these funds, considered Period 2 Funds, was December 31, 2021. For additional information on PRF reporting, visit the [HRSA website](#).

Updated telehealth guidance

While Idaho's COVID emergency declaration is slated to end on April 15, the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (IDOPL) updated its guidance for the continued use of telehealth services under the Federal emergency declaration. This guidance is in effect until July 1, 2022, unless extended by IDOPL.

Vaccine shelf life increased

The FDA announced an extension of the shelf life for the Janssen / Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Provided the vaccine is stored at 2-8 degrees Celsius / 36-46 degrees Fahrenheit, providers can now hold the product for nine months, up from the six months previously stated.



This week, the CDC released a report reviewing hospitalizations for infants and young children. During the Omicron surge, the hospitalization rate for this group increased five-fold. Of those children hospitalized during the Omicron surge, 63% of them had no underlying medical conditions.

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