



# The Pulse

Hospital Education



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## Updated CDC infection prevention and control recommendations

On Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the “Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic.”

Some of the recent changes include:

- Updated to note that vaccination status is no longer used to inform source control, screening testing, or post-exposure recommendations
- Updated circumstances when use of source control is recommended
- Updated circumstances when universal use of personal protective equipment should be considered
- Updated recommendations for testing frequency to detect potential for variants with shorter incubation periods and to address the risk for false negative antigen tests in people without symptoms.
- Clarified that screening testing of asymptomatic healthcare personnel is at the discretion of the healthcare facility
- Updated to note that, in general, asymptomatic patients no longer require empiric use of Transmission-Based Precautions following close contact with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

### Hospital license renewal reminder

An email will be sent to all hospital administrators in mid-November with a renewal license application. Please ensure to review this email and submit your application in a timely manner.

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### Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) deficiencies: Failure to provide appropriate

To view the full list, please visit the CDC website.



## Health Facilities Website

In May 2021, DIA's Health Facilities Division launched a new web application. The new application features a user-friendly interface not only for accessing records for health facilities and submitting self-reports, but also for the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry for CNAs.

In the new system, entity administrators will need to request access to the new application. Once the administrator's access is approved, the administrator will be able to approve any other authorized facility users (i.e., entity delegate, entity HR) who request access for their facility.

Health facility employees, CNAs, and community college users are able to manage their own accounts, including making changes to their contact information.

Please note:

- Each facility is allowed to have **one** assigned entity administrator.
- Each user should be assigned only **one** role per facility. If a user is assigned multiple roles, the system may not work properly.
- Users should use the **email address associated with their place of employment** to create their Google or Microsoft account (see PDF guide below).

The new website for the application is [dia-hfd.iowa.gov](http://dia-hfd.iowa.gov).

## medical screening

Below is an example of citations A2400 – Compliance with 489.24 and A2406 – Medical Screening Exam, from recent EMTALA deficiencies:

A patient presented to the emergency department (ED) complaining of foot and ankle pain. The patient was extremely intoxicated, yelling in waiting area, and sent immediately to a room. The patient could still be heard screaming and cursing in the hallways and at the nurse's station. A nurse entered the patient's room to get vitals, however, the

## Additional resources

- [DIA Health Facilities Database User Guide](#) (PDF)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Entity Sign-In](#) (YouTube video)
- [DIA's Health Facilities Database: Approving Entity Users](#) (YouTube video for administrators)

The screenshot shows a web application interface for the 'Direct Care Worker Registry & Health Facility Database'. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home', 'Login', and 'My Reports'. Below the title, there are two search panels. The left panel is titled 'DCW SEARCH' and includes fields for 'Identification Number', 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'City', and 'County'. The right panel is titled 'ENTITY SEARCH' and includes fields for 'Name', 'City', 'County', and 'Entity Type'. Both panels have a 'SEARCH' button. The 'ENTITY SEARCH' panel also has a 'CLOSE' button.

## Employee spotlight



**Sandra Frahm** began working a surveyor for the Health Facilities Division of DIA in January 2011. She has primarily conducted surveys for hospitals, but also has participated in long-term care and rural health clinic surveys as well.

Sandra earned a Bachelor of Science degree in food and nutrition/dietetics from Iowa State

University and worked as a food service director, clinical dietitian, and consultant dietitian in both hospital and long-term care settings prior to her employment with DIA.

Sandra lives in Kellogg with her husband, Kim, and their two dogs, Lily and Dan. They have two sons and seven grandchildren. Sandra loves being a grandma and spending time with her family. In her spare time, they enjoy camping and fishing and spending their summer vacations at a favorite lake in Minnesota.

patient refused. A physician went to the patient's room but failed to attempt de-escalation techniques and instead engaged in a heated verbal altercation that ended with the patient's arrest and transport to jail. The patient was transported to jail prior to receiving an appropriate medical screening examination (MSE) to determine if they had an emergency medical condition.

The patient returned to the ED by ambulance several hours later for an appropriate MSE for foot and ankle pain. A different

## Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, or if there are topics you would like to see covered in this newsletter or at a future lunch-and-learn, please contact **Megan Montalvo** at [megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov](mailto:megan.montalvo@dia.iowa.gov) or **515.249.9648**.

physician was able to provide the MSE along with x-rays and determine that the patient had a sprained ankle. The patient was provided with crutches, discharge care, and follow-up instructions.

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### Hospital closure

The Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals' Health Facilities Division recently conducted a monitoring visit upon receiving a closure notice from a hospital. At the time of the monitoring visit, the facility maintained the following services: emergency department (ED), outpatient surgery, wound

clinic, radiology, laboratory, outpatient cardiac rehab, outpatient infusion services, pharmacy, medical records, and dietary/kitchen.

All nearby long-term care facilities, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, Lee County Health Department, mayor, county board of supervisors, city council, and local home health care agencies and hospices received formal notices of the closure. The hospital notified all local emergency medical services, local police, fire, county and all entities that

have done  
business with  
the hospital.

The hospital  
closed on Oct.  
1, 2022.

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[Click here to access the Health Facilities Database and the Iowa Direct Care Worker Registry.](#)

[Click here to access DIA's main website.](#)