



Wisconsin Hospital Association Continues to Ready for COVID-19 Possibilities

Ann Zenk RN BSN MHA, Vice President Workforce and Clinical Practice, sent out an email to C-suite staff on February 26, 2020 to provide an update on the Coronavirus (COVID 19) and the efforts being made by Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) to keep hospitals abreast of the changing situation. In addition to the memo outlining WHA's efforts to provide timely information, Ms. Zenk also provided details on how the FDA, CDC and DHS are handling the situation and their strategies for offering guidance to health care providers.

WHA encourages you to share this information with others in your organization as pertinent. For more information, refer to the many resources that are available:

- [DHS Outbreaks](#)
- [CDC Weekly Report](#)
- [Healthcare Supply of Personal Protective Equipment](#)
- [Respirator Supply Strategies](#)
- [Respirator Use FAQ](#)

On the national level, on February 27, 2020, CMS.gov posted a new [mlnconnects](#), the official CMS news from the Medicare Learning Network, that included coding guidance on COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics will implement a new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), effective with the next update on October 1. See the [announcement](#) and [interim coding guidance](#) for more information.