

TO: Iowa Hospital Association

FROM: Iowa Department of Public Health

DATE: October 14, 2020

RE: Upcoming HHS Data Changes and Compliance Reporting

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership in the COVID-19 response. The new Iowa Data Dictionary for reporting requirements starting the week of October 19, 2020 is now available for viewing here: <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus/Healthcare>. The following bullet points outline the biggest changes in the new reporting requirements:

- Iowa's mental health institutes and rehabilitation facilities are only required to report the Daily HHS Hospital COVID Reporting Survey one time a week on Wednesday. This is the only survey those facilities are required to report. These facilities are:
  - Mental Health Institute Cherokee
  - Mental Health Institute Independence
  - Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital, LLC
  - Mercy Iowa City Rehabilitation Hospital
  - University of Iowa Health Network Rehabilitation Hospital
- The PPE related questions within HHS reporting will only be required on Wednesday each week.
- Minor change to the Hospital PPE Query in order to align Iowa's reporting period with HHS. Any time-bound questions will now ask for 'previous calendar day' instead of 'since the last reporting period.'

The updates to the data elements and new questions announced by HHS on October 6, 2020 will be incorporated into the EMResource data collection survey to assure compliance with the HHS data dictionary starting Monday, October 19, 2020. IDPH retains a strong commitment to report on behalf of Iowa's hospitals, to monitor data compliance, and advocate on behalf of Iowa's hospitals.

Thank you for your continued leadership in the fight against COVID-19. Our ability to detect and respond relies on timely and accurate data from the front lines.