

Dear Partners, Supporters and Friends,

What an eye-opening couple few weeks we've all had! Despite the challenges being faced by many in the community and the extreme stressors being placed upon our healthcare system as we combat the Coronavirus – including the overwhelming efforts, contributions and sacrifices being made by our physicians and all levels of medical providers – the IE-CHI is operating at full speed.

Emphasis is being placed upon ways we can facilitate outreach and access to care for patients as well as maintaining partnerships with those organizations who are providing important COVID-19 updates, guidelines, safety protocols and resources. To ensure safety, all meetings are being conducted virtually (by computer teleconference or phone).

First and foremost, while responsibly practicing “social distancing,” the work continues in full force to ensure that all of our Inland Empire residents can access health coverage as well as quality care. As such, we want to remind you of our valuable community partners who are active in educating and enrolling patients in healthcare plans:

Medicare-Med-Cal Enrollment (Medi-Medi) (includes education for senior enrollment in Medicare Senior Advantage:

Community Health Action Network (CHAN)

Victorville, California

<http://chanhd.org>

Contact: chanhd2018@gmail.com

Riverside County Black Chamber of Commerce

Riverside, California

<http://www.riversidecountybcc.org>

Contact: sylvia@riversidecountybcc.org

Unity Fellowship

Riverside, California

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Unity-Fellowship-Church-of-Riverside/121658177844353>

Contact: revbenita@gmail.com

Covered California Enrollment - "Special Circumstance" Category

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Neighborhood Clinic

Various locations
<https://www.nhcare.org>
Contact: susana.tejada@nhcare.org

Medi-Cal Enrollment

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Please feel free to reach out to our partners directly. If you require assistance, please contact Victoria at vmstephan@gmail.com.

We would also like to share links to several resources pertaining to COVID-19, including information for the public as well as providers. You will find these links following this message.

If you have a medical appointment already scheduled in the near future and you have not yet been contacted by your provider, you should contact their office immediately to inquire if you can meet by "Telehealth" – doctors are quickly transitioning to this method of treatment (phone, computer or tele-conference) especially since the Trump administration has cleared the way for physicians to provide telehealth to Medicare patients without being subjected to HIPAA penalties and Governor Newsom in California has done the same for treating Medi-Cal patients.

*****If you feel sick or believe you have any symptoms of COVID-19, do NOT go to your doctor's office or an urgent care center. Equipment, test kits, protective masks/eyewear/gowns and medical staff are in short supply and being pushed to the limit, so you need you call your doctor first to receive instructions for diagnosis or treatment. Your physician will advise you on next steps. For an emergency, of course, you should always call 9-1-1. (Most elective medical procedures and dental appointments are being rescheduled).

Thank you for staying in your home as much as possible until we get through this period. We are in this together, and by working as a team, we can successfully **#flattenthecurve** which will help us all get back to our usual routines and see businesses up and running again. Most importantly, in addition to doing our best to protect our physicians and healthcare workers – we want to be sure YOU and your families remain healthy.

Wishing you a good week, peace, wellbeing and maybe even some quality time learning a new skill, working on a fun jigsaw puzzle or enjoying some walks in the fresh air.

With appreciation for you,

IE-CHI Board and Coalition

COVID-19 RESOURCES

CMA Covid-19 Resource page or
<https://www.cmadoes.org/covid-19>

CDC or **<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>**

Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services-Newsroom or
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom>

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health or
<http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dph/coronavirus/>

Riverside County Public Health Department or
<https://www.rivcoph.org/coronavirus>

California Department of Public Health or
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>

American Medical Association COVID-19 Resource Center
<https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/covid-19-2019-novel-coronavirus-resource-center-physicians>

OSHA or
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/medicalinformation.html>

Kaiser Permanente or
<https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/alerts/p1/2019-novel-coronavirus-feb-2020>

Loma Linda University School of Medicine or
<https://news.llu.edu/community/dispelling-myths-what-we-know-about-covid-19>