

Wyoming Hospital Association

News briefs

Most OSHA Emergency Temporary Standard Provisions Take Effect July 6.



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration published its emergency temporary standard for occupational exposure to COVID-19 in health care, meaning covered health care employers must comply with most provisions by July 6 and the rest by July 21.

The Wyoming OSHA Commission plans to meet to adopt these standards for a July 1, 2021, effective date in Wyoming. However, the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS), through its Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Division, wants to share information and specific resources to assist your

Association members in understanding and implementing this standard.

Among other provisions, it requires employers to provide reasonable time and paid leave for employee vaccinations and any side effects; and incorporates by reference a number of consensus standards and evidence-based guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency and American National Standards Institute.

Updates for Wyoming Cancer Program Screening Services

The Wyoming Cancer Program, which is part of the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH), is announcing changes to breast, cervical and colorectal screening services.

The program offers financial coverage of breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings for eligible Wyoming residents.

“These screenings are critical because they help detect breast, cervical and colorectal cancer at the earliest stages, which

increases chances for survival and cure,” said Star Jones, Wyoming Cancer Program manager with WDH.

Beginning July 1, breast and cervical cancer screening services will expand coverage to include those who are considered underinsured. “This includes people who may have insurance but who cannot afford insurance deductibles or other out-of-pocket expenses,” Jones said.

The program has also updated the age criteria for colorectal cancer screening coverage to age 50 and older.

Applicants for Wyoming Cancer Program screening services must meet all other eligibility criteria (age, risk factors and income). Applications are available online at health.wyo.gov/cancer or by calling 800-264-1296.



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The Wyoming Hospital Association will be presenting an award to recognize an outstanding hospital volunteer or volunteer program at this year's Annual Meeting. We would like to receive your entry this year for the "Outstanding Volunteer or Volunteer Program".

Nominations may be made by the chief executive officer or the staff person responsible for volunteer programs. The winner will be selected by qualified judges. Any WHA member hospital is eligible for the award. Each institution is responsible for determining its own method of nomination.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting to be held September 8-9, 2021 in Casper, Wyoming. All nominations must be received by July 15, 2021. We look forward to receiving your nomination and to seeing you at this year's Meeting

**WHA Golf Tournament—September, 7
Paradise Valley Golf Club, Casper**

**WHA Annual Meeting—September 8-9
Clarion Inn, Casper, Wyoming**

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Receives Advanced Primary Stroke Center Recertification



The Joint Commission recently recertified Cheyenne Regional Medical Center as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center.

Receiving Advanced Primary Stroke Center certification means that CRMC has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for stroke care.

"This Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects a healthcare organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care," said Cheyenne Regional Health System President and Chief Executive Officer Tim Thornell. "In this case, it means that our hospital has demonstrated to a nationally recognized accrediting organization that we provide high-quality stroke care. Since this is our second Primary Stroke Center certification, it also shows that we have been providing an

exceptional level of stroke care over a period of several years."

The Joint Commission first certified CRMC as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center in 2019.

"I am extremely proud of our stroke care team," said Dr. Tracie Caller, a neurologist with Cheyenne Regional Medical Group and the medical director of Cheyenne Regional's stroke care program. "It took an incredible amount of work and documentation to obtain the advanced certification two years ago. To be recertified shows that our stroke care team is dedicated to providing and sustaining a high level of stroke care, treatment and education for our community and region."

"The certification recognizes hospitals that make exceptional efforts to foster better outcomes for stroke care," said Hope Robinson, Cheyenne Regional's stroke care program manager. "This includes having an acute stroke care team available around the clock, a neurologist accessible 24/7 via telemedicine or in person, sufficient diagnostic services and the ability to provide IV thrombolytics. The hospital must also track, monitor and report stroke-related performance measures."



**Cheyenne Regional
Medical Center**