



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



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LDH Bed Capacity Memo, Bed Polling Accuracy and Governor's Thank You

LDH Relaxes Current Hospital Licensing Standards:

Yesterday, the LHA received a [3/19 memo](#) from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Health Standards Section outlining various relaxations in the current hospital licensing standards and a process for notifying the appropriate Department staff. This guidance should prove very useful for your planning purposes; thus, we wanted to provide it now instead of waiting for routine business hours.

Important Compliance/Accuracy Notice on Submitting Daily ESF-8 Polling Data:

Your bed capacity and ventilator availability are important in modeling assumptions and determining the state's response efforts. It is crucial that as you make changes to add additional capacity in your facility you update this information accordingly. If you need assistance, please [contact your regional DRC](#).

Governor Thanks Healthcare Workforce:

Gov. John Bel Edwards yesterday released a [letter thanking the healthcare community](#) for its commitment to caring for patients during these challenging times. "With all of my heart, and on behalf of the entire state, I want to thank you for your relentless efforts and for your service to our brothers and sisters and our most vulnerable Louisiana residents." Please share the governor's message with your hospital staff.

If you need assistance during the weekend, contact LHA VP of Member Services Ken Alexander at kalexander@lhaonline.org or Emergency Preparedness Program Manager Frances Arledge at farledge@lhaonline.org.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be located on the LHA's COVID-19 [webpage](#). We will continue to monitor developments and update resources as necessary.

Note: This Alert is being distributed to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.