Remdesivir Distribution Update: This week, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) will be receiving another shipment of remdesivir, which will be allocated to hospitals with 5 or more current COVID-19 inpatients. A reserve cache has been established for hospitals with less than 5 patients. Hospitals can contact Leah Michael, the director of pharmacy services for Louisiana, at leah.michael@la.gov or Morris and Dickson for medication requests or for questions.

HHS Reporting: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced that the next deadline for submitting data to inform the agency’s distribution of its supply of remdesivir is Monday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. CDT. HHS is once again requesting the number of currently-hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and of those hospitalized, the number requiring placement in intensive care units (ICUs). This is a separate request from the daily data that Louisiana is providing to HHS on hospitals’ behalf. Hospitals should submit the data using the HHS TeleTracking web portal. Registered users of TeleTracking should have received an email Monday announcing this next round of data collection. See the American Hospital Association’s May 11 Special Bulletin for additional details on what specific data to submit and how to enter it into TeleTracking. For issues with accessing the TeleTracking portal or questions about the data, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 1-877-570-6903.

If you have additional questions, contact LHA Vice President of Member Services & Quality Improvement Kenneth Alexander at 225-928-0026 or kalexander@lhaonline.org.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on June 3, 2020 to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA’s COVID-19 webpage.