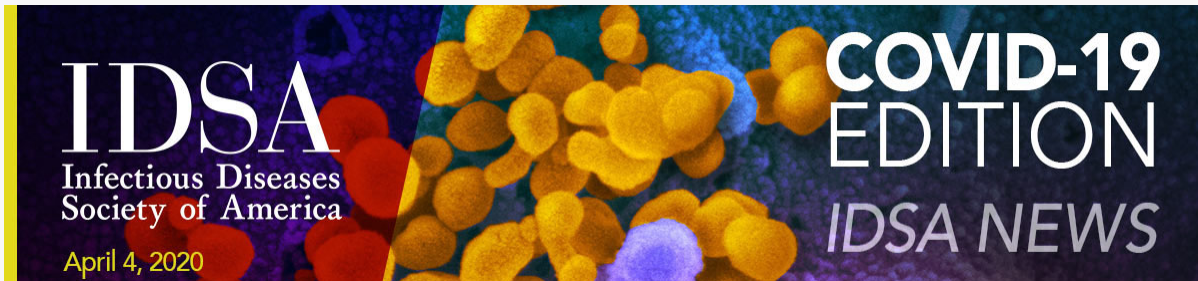


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Editor's Note: In our ongoing efforts to share the latest and most useful news and resources with our members during this pandemic, we will be suspending the traditional IDSA News and replacing it with twice weekly emails delivered Saturdays and Wednesdays called "IDSA News COVID-19 Edition." Please [let us know](#) what information would be most helpful to you.

In the Spotlight

IDSA Begins COVID-19 Press Briefings

More than 50 print and broadcast reporters from national, local and trade outlets, including USA Today, CNN, The Boston Globe and The Philadelphia Inquirer participated in the first in a series of IDSA-sponsored COVID-19 virtual press briefings Friday, April 3. IDSA CEO Chris Busky moderated as IDSA President Tom File, M.D., FIDSA and HIVMA Vice Chair Rochelle Walensky, M.D., FIDSA, answered questions from journalists and discussed the role of the ID physician in COVID-19 response and the importance of social distancing. These briefings will be held twice weekly with additional briefings added as necessary. Stay tuned for future updates on these briefings.

COVID-19 Resource Center Updates

Telehealth

- [Updated Regulations for Medicare Telehealth Services to Help Conserve PPEs](#)
- [FAQs: Health Care Provisions the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#)

National Academy of Medicine

- [COVID-19 Conversations: The Science of Social Distancing](#)



The Voice of IDSA

IDSA's Call to Invoke the Defense Production Act

Within the past week, IDSA has twice [called on President Trump](#) to invoke the [Defense Production Act](#), to speed the production of needed medical supplies. [A decision announced by the Trump Administration on Thursday](#) marks another step toward getting medical professionals urgently needed supplies, but a strong national and long-term strategy utilizing all available resources and mechanisms is still urgently needed to ensure availability of medical supplies.

Does Your State Need to Strengthen Its Physical Distancing Policies?

If your governor has not yet enacted statewide physical distancing measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, **take two minutes to [send an IDSA/HIVMA prepared email to your governor and tweet at your governor here.](#)**

See how the actions that your governor has taken to enact physical distancing measures, such as a shelter in place, stay at home orders or closure of non-essential businesses, compare to other states on the [Kaiser Family Foundation website](#).

New in the IDSA Journals

Find the latest COVID-19 papers published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*, and *Open Forum Infectious Diseases* in the journals' [online compilation](#) of coronavirus-related articles. Recent publications include:

- A [proposal](#) to speed the development of SARS-CoV-2 vaccines by using controlled human challenge studies to evaluate the efficacy of promising vaccine candidates
- [Recommendations](#) for COVID-19 mitigation in jails
- [Self-reported olfactory and taste disorders](#) in patients infected with SARS-CoV-2.

How Can We Help?

IDSA and HIVMA are advocating for the US government to improve our supply of needed medical products for the COVID-19 response. Please share information on

medical supply shortages (PPE, ventilators, testing supplies, etc.) from your institution by emailing [Victoria Akosile](#). Specific local examples will help us better engage senators and representatives to drive improved manufacturing and distribution.

MyIDSA Highlight

The MyIDSA community offers members an exclusive platform to connect with colleagues, share resources, or start or join a discussion on COVID-19 developments. See how your colleagues responded to this [“Non Covid Strain”](#) discussion.



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