



While Illinois experiences increasing COVID-19 positivity rates and a record number of hospitalizations, emergency nurses are on the front line providing care to patients with COVID-19 across the state as the pandemic escalates.

ED nurses are acutely aware of the current, and potential, limitations in our emergency departments to provide care to individuals in our community who have life-threatening injury or illness. It is imperative that we take steps now to preserve our health care workforce, as well as the critical supplies and space we will need in the coming months.

The Illinois Emergency Nurses Association supports the mitigation steps put in place by Governor Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Public Health. IENA also recommends the active enforcement of these mandates by our local officials. These mitigations include: universal masking, limits placed on indoor gatherings and following the IDPH recommendation for people to stay at home for the next three weeks.

We support stronger mitigation efforts now to avoid the necessity of an additional stay-at-home order. IENA will continue to support the difficult decisions that might need to be made by our public health officials as we move forward.

We ask the communities we serve to heed the recommendations of public health officials and follow guidelines and recommendations to help stop the spread.

Our emergency nurses need you to do this for them, so they can be there for you.

Illinois Emergency Nurses Association Board of Directors