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From: Newton, David
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Newton, David
Subject: Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Monday, July 6, 2020
Attachments: COVID-19_Ops-Epi SitRep_GEMA_7-06-2020.docx

Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Monday, July 6, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) Remdesivir proposed allotments sent to leadership this morning. Awaiting approval of the plan for the warehouse to schedule deliveries.

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Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 7/6/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_07-6-2020_F.docx

Hi all

Attached is the Epidemiology Sit Rep from today. We have added a few new features-- we added the changes in case, hospitalization, and death numbers since the previous day, as well as two "percent positivity" figures-- a graph showing trends per District and a table showing % per day over the last week, by District.

Cherie

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Cc: Benoit, Alexandra
Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: COVID-19 Report FULL 7.6.2020.xls; COVID-19 Report Posted 7.6.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 515 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 7,571 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
4,453 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,302 Resident Deaths
3,536 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Grow, William
Subject: City Delivers a Balanced Budget, Community Xccelerator, Kent Patrick, Turner Center, Chris Clark on COVID-19, President of GMA, CEO Confidence

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July 6, 2020 Edition



Chris Clark: What You Can Do As COVID-19 Continues

Political pundits and healthcare researchers can argue second wave or simply a continuation of the original COVID-19 pandemic. However, the fact remains that the virus which hit us so hard in the spring continues to be a potent force as we head into the summer months.

Georgia Lenders Funnel \$14.3B to Small Businesses

Lenders across Georgia helped over 152,000 small businesses receive loans totaling more than \$14.3 billion through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

CEO Confidence Improved in Q2 2020

The Conference Board Measure of CEO Confidence™, which declined to 34 in the first quarter of 2020, increased to a reading of 44 in the second quarter.



News

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Union City Mayor Vince Williams
Elected President of GMA

Georgia Pays Out Over \$7.5
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State Launches Broadband
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Miller Approved as State
Planning Director for GDOT

GBA: Paycheck Protection
Program Extended

UGA Partnership Helps
Communities Manage
Infrastructure

Delta Reintroduces Select Beer
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Governor Kemp Signs Legislation
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(1:36)**



Dr. Steve Morse on How

**Employers Work with MGA's
School of Business (1:07)**



**Wendy Colson on USPS Every
Door Direct Mail (2:25)**

Recent Features

SGMC Celebrates 65 Years of Service to Region

July 1st will mark the 65th anniversary of South Georgia Medical Center. What opened as a 100-bed hospital in 1955 has grown into the regional health system known today with a combined licensed bed capacity of 480.

COVID-19 and Georgia: Fiscal Research Center Report Estimates the Pandemic's Economic Impact

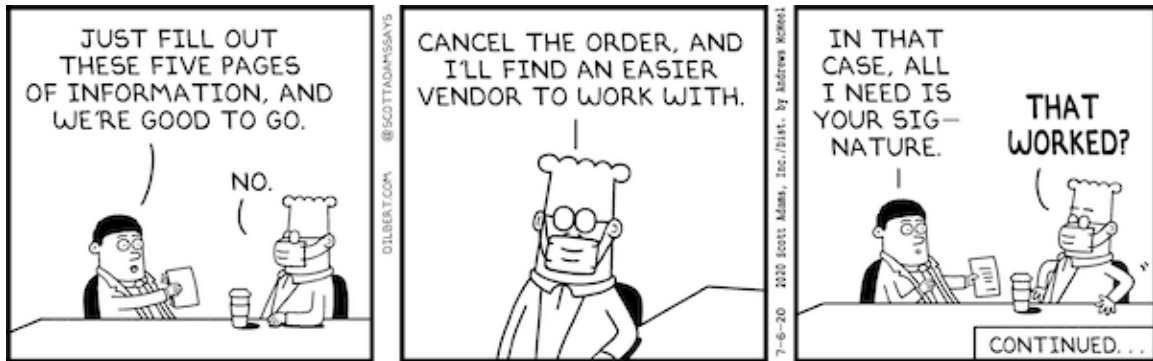
In the space of a month, from mid-March to mid-April, the COVID-19 pandemic had already taken a tragic human toll and created unprecedented economic decline. The United States saw businesses close their doors as shelter-in-place orders continued across the country.

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Subject: July 2020 Wellness Happenings!
Attachments: Meditation 10_00am .ics; CHFC Live Online Workout! 11 AM.ics; CHFC Live Online Workout 12 PM.ics; State Wellness Support Group.ics; Lunch w_ Chef Asata 7_8_20.ics; Lunch w_ Chef Asata 7_22_20.ics

DPH Wellness Ha

July 2020

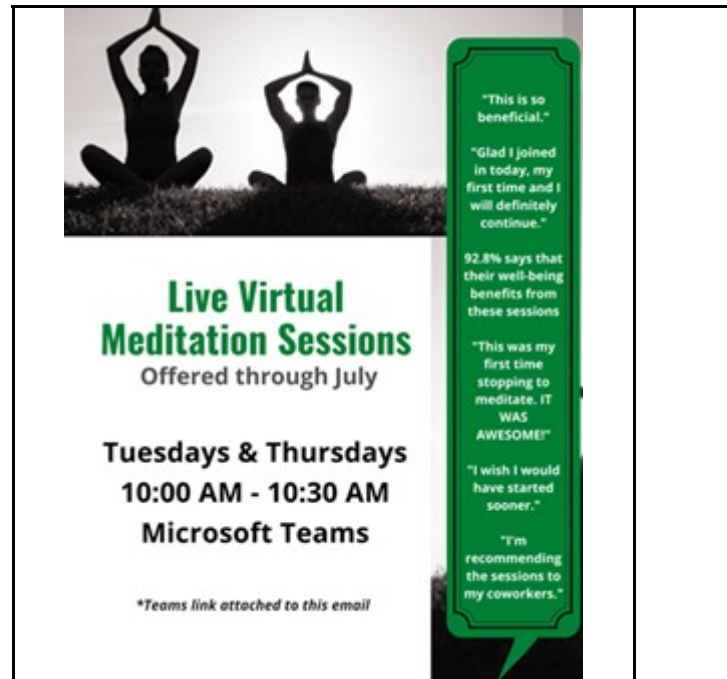
This Month's Highlights: | [30 – Minute Live Meditation](#) | [State Wellness Su](#)

Be sure to check out Worksite Wellness DPH intranet page

***If someone you know is interested in receiving our Wellness Happenings, Sign Up*

30 Minute Live Meditations

Join us for a live FREE virtual guided meditation. Relax your mind and body.



The graphic features a central white box with a green border. At the top, two silhouettes of people in yoga poses are shown against a sunset background. Below this, the text reads: "Live Virtual Meditation Sessions Offered through July Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Microsoft Teams". A green speech bubble on the right contains testimonials: "This is so beneficial.", "Glad I joined in today, my first time and I will definitely continue.", "92.8% says that their well-being benefits from these sessions", "This was my first time stopping to meditate. IT WAS AWESOME!", "I wish I would have started sooner.", and "I'm recommending the sessions to my coworkers.". At the bottom, it says "*Teams link attached to this email".

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Gain the support you need to turn your lemons into lemonade in this virtual support group.



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OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020
12 PM - 1 PM
ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

Download the attached calendar invitation, and follow the link inside to join the meeting.

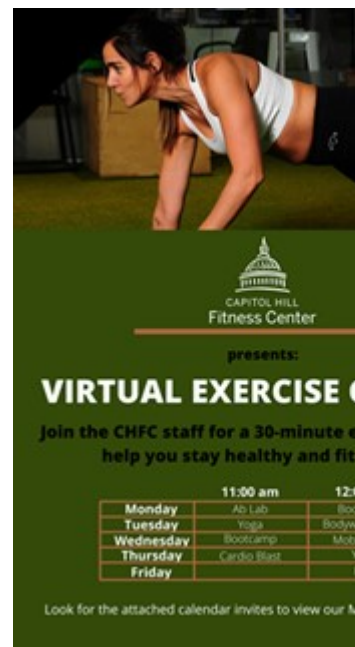
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DPH

Virtual on Microsoft Teams

Tuesday
July 7, 2020
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
[Join HERE](#)

Live Online Workouts w



CAPITOL HILL Fitness Center
presents:
VIRTUAL EXERCISE

Join the CHFC staff for a 30-minute workout to help you stay healthy and fit!

	11:00 am	12:00 pm
Monday	Ab Lab	Body
Tuesday	Yoga	Body
Wednesday	Bootcamp	Body
Thursday	Cardio Blast	Y
Friday		

Look for the attached calendar invites to view our full schedule.

The Capitol Hill Fitness Center team is hosting **FREE 30-minute Live Online Exercise Classes every weekday** on Microsoft Teams designed for you to complete at home with no equipment.

Prioritize your day and join us as we all fight off stress and sluggishness! Click on our attached calendar invitation to join the class.

To join the class:

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Take some time out of your day to join the Fitness Center team for a quick 30-minute live online exercise class. Classes and Instructors are subject to change without notice. Questions? Email dph-capitolfitness@dc.gov



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Do you currently use a standing workstation?

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Ergonomic support products are great tools to improve health and incorporate extra movement into your workday! If you are currently using an ergonomic support product, let us know in the survey so Worksite Wellness can contact you to provide additional resources to further optimize your workstation. If you do not currently use an ergonomic support product, complete the survey and someone from Worksite Wellness will contact you to provide additional resources.



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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

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Cherie

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Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 7/4/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_07-4-2020.docx

Hi all

This is the Epidemiology Sit Rep from 7/4. So sorry for the delay, it was sitting in my outbox and I didn't realize that it hadn't sent. Hope everyone had a nice 4th.

Cherie

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Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Saturday, July 4, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) In the last 30 days (6/5/20 - 7/4/20), there have been 430,028 Viral (PCR/Molecular) tests reported to DPH, which represents 4.05% of Georgia's Population.

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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) Another large specimen collection day yesterday (July 2) for DPH SPOCs, with 14,944 specimens collected. The daily average for the last 7 days is 10,872.

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 7.2.2020.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 7.2.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 503 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 7,159 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
4,183 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,273 Resident Deaths
3,250 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 86% of residents tested
68.6% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 77% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Attached please find today's Epidemiology

Sit Rep. It has 2 new additions: a bar chart of daily case number averages and a plot of percent positive tests by district.

This report is intended to provide situational awareness only. Thank you so much to all of Epidemiology, District and State, for the ongoing great work!

Cherie

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Subject: Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Thursday, July 2, 2020
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Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Thursday, July 2, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

- 1) Another record breaking day yesterday (July 1) for DPH SPOCs, with 15,862 specimens collected. The daily average for the last 7 days is 10,249.
- 2) Staff continuing meeting in Gwinnett with the CRAFT Federal Team. The Surgeon General is supposed to stop by at 4:30.
- 3) Placed three families (total of 9 people) in the isolation trailers at GPSTC today, causing some level of concern that we may need additional quarantine/isolation space.

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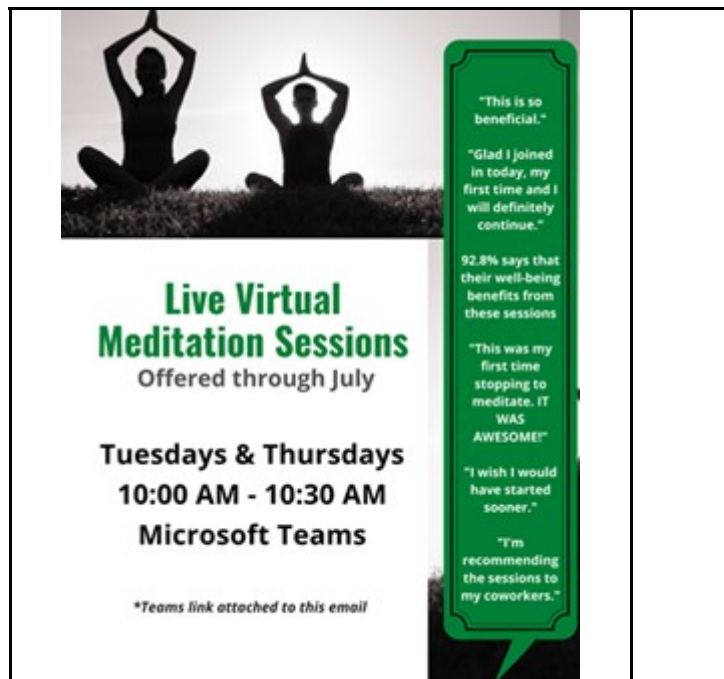
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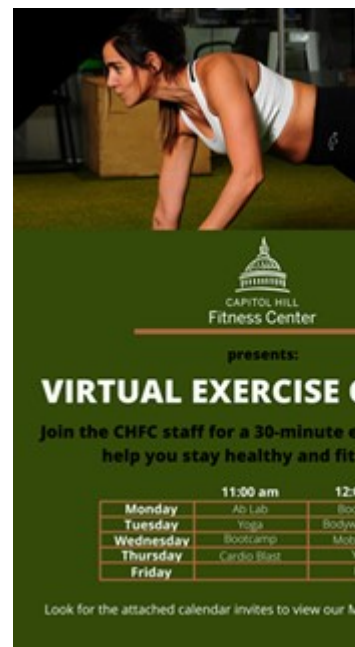
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Highlights:

- 1) Another day of large numbers of specimen collections for DPH SPOCs: Monday, June, 29 had final numbers of 13,375 and numbers reported so far for Tuesday, June 29 are at 13,358.
- 2) DPH submitted the July-December testing strategy to Health and Human Services.
- 3) Beginning communication with other federal partners to ensure they have urgent need testing in place for their critical personnel located in Georgia.

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 7.1.2020.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 7.1.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 499 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 7,141 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
4,176 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,272 Resident Deaths
3,237 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 86% of residents tested
68% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 77% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

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SGMC Celebrates 65 Years of Service to Region

July 1st will mark the 65th anniversary of South Georgia Medical Center. What opened as a 100-bed hospital in 1955 has grown into the regional health system known today with a combined licensed bed capacity of 480.

COVID-19 and Georgia: Fiscal Research Center Report Estimates the Pandemic's Economic Impact

In the space of a month, from mid-March to mid-April, the COVID-19 pandemic had already taken a tragic human toll and created unprecedented economic decline. The United States saw businesses close their doors as shelter-in-place orders continued across the country.

36.8 Million Americans Still Expected to Hit the Road for Fourth of July

Using data from its widely-adopted Daily Travel Index, travel data company Arrivalist is predicting that Americans will take 36.8 million road trips over the Fourth of July weekend, making Independence Day the biggest road trip event so far this year.



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Valdosta Youth Council Completes Productive Fifth Year

The 32-member Valdosta Youth Council (VYC), Initiated by former Mayor John Gayle in 2015, successfully completed the 2019-2020 academic year with a variety of accomplishments.

Hawks to Transform State Farm Arena into 'Georgia's Largest-ever Voting Precinct'

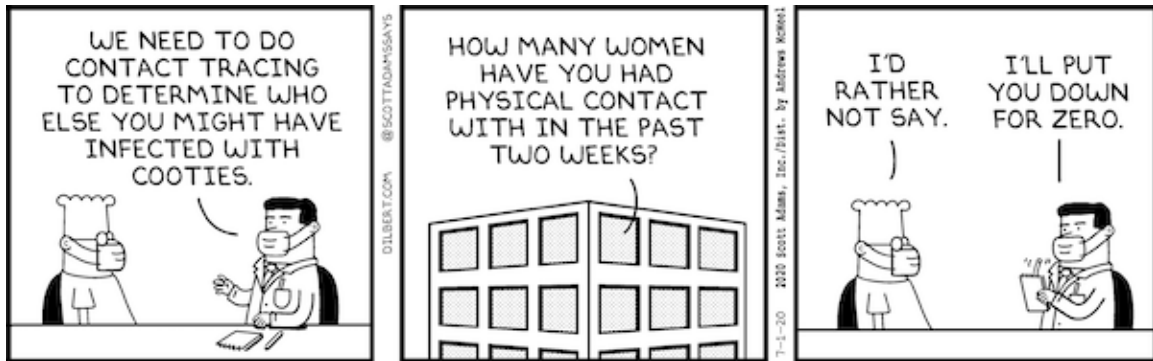
Fulton County is partnering with the Atlanta Hawks to create Georgia's largest-ever voting precinct at State Farm Arena, starting with early voting on July 20 for the Georgia General Primary Runoff Election on August 11th

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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) Yesterday (Mon, 6/29) was another record day for specimen collections by DPH SPOC sites, with 12,430 specimens collected.

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Additional statistics: 7,135 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
4,161 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,269 Resident Deaths
3,232 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

There was a significant increase in census data today. We are reviewing to determine the cause and will not have testing data until we are able to study further.

Best Regards,

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Valdosta Youth Council Completes Productive Fifth Year

The 32-member Valdosta Youth Council (VYC), Initiated by former Mayor John Gayle in 2015, successfully completed the 2019-2020 academic year with a variety of accomplishments.

Video: Kay Love Gives an Overview of Georgia City Solutions

Managing Director of the Georgia City Solutions Kay Love talks about their mission to help build vibrant cities across Georgia by focusing on 5 key areas.

Hawks to Transform State Farm Arena into 'Georgia's Largest-ever Voting Precinct'

Fulton County is partnering with the Atlanta Hawks to create Georgia's largest-ever voting precinct at State Farm Arena, starting with early voting on July 20 for the Georgia General Primary Runoff Election on August 11th



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Gov. Kemp Extends COVID-19
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Okefenokee Swamp Park Names
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George Hall Named President-
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Lawyers Association

Delta Resumes Flights Between
U.S. and China

EY Study: COVID-19 Pandemic
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Business Climate May be
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Companies, New CompTIA
Survey Suggests

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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) Report today from Mark Sexton from GEMA that patient care spaces from World Congress Center are being assembled at a facility in Milledgeville. There are no current plans to activate the staffing contract, so no proposed date for availability.

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1,254 Resident Deaths
3,156 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 84.8% of residents tested
66.8% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 76% of staff tested.

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CEO of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers Jack Warden talks about their new e-commerce auction platform - www.shopgoodwill.com.

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Corsica Technologies: Remote Work is the New Normal. Here's How to Embrace It.

Although many industries have been forced to quickly pivot to a remote workforce due to COVID-19, the shift is not a new one. Over the last five years remote work has seen a 44% growth, over the last decade that number is 91%. Whether recent circumstances forced your business to transition to a remote workforce or it was already in the works, it's vital that you fully embrace the change if you want to be successful. Here's how.



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Programming Now offered at
Wiregrass Tech

PAAC Seeks Artists for
Downtown Mural Project

City Announces July 4th
Sanitation Schedule

Wellmade Flooring Expands
Operations, Invests \$35 Million in
Bartow Co.

Georgia Public Policy Foundation
VP: Foundation Adapts, With
2020 Georgia Legislative Policy
Forum on Zoom

Delta Employees Make Voices
Heard as Georgia Approves New
Hate Crime Law

June 30th Instagram Live for
Georgia High School Students:
“Training and Networking: Getting
a Real Job in the Skilled Trades”

Georgians Need to Find Health
Insurance – Here’s How to Start

Alzheimer’s Association
Continues to Provide Virtual
Services as Pandemic Persists

New Vehicle Sales Expected to
Drop in June, Closing a Second
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Record 27% of Homebuyers
Look to Relocate as Pandemic
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**Charles Johnson of Corsica
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**Frank Richards on Advocacy
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SGMC Partners with Mercer to Offer Residency Programs

South Georgia Medical Center (SGMC) and Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) announced a partnership that will bring internal medicine and emergency medicine residency programs to Valdosta.

Georgia Processes More Claims in 14 Weeks Than in the Past Seven Years

The Georgia Department of Labor (GDOL) announced today they have processed over 2.7 million regular UI initial claims in the past 14 weeks, more than the last seven years combined.

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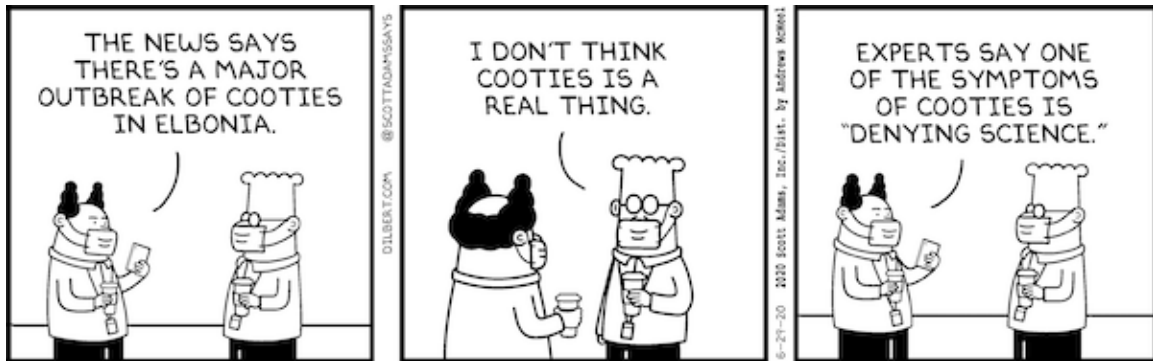
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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) Large water main break in Atlanta impacting all downtown hospitals. Support being provided by GEMA for water tenders and DPH for morgue trailer support.

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Highlights:

- 1) DPH SPOCs had a 2nd day in a row of more than 10,000 specimens collected yesterday.
- 2) Homeless Isolation Hotel: Dr. Rustin worked with the current hotel to extend the lease for 3 additional months. This is to ensure a safe location for individuals experiencing homelessness to safely isolate or quarantine.

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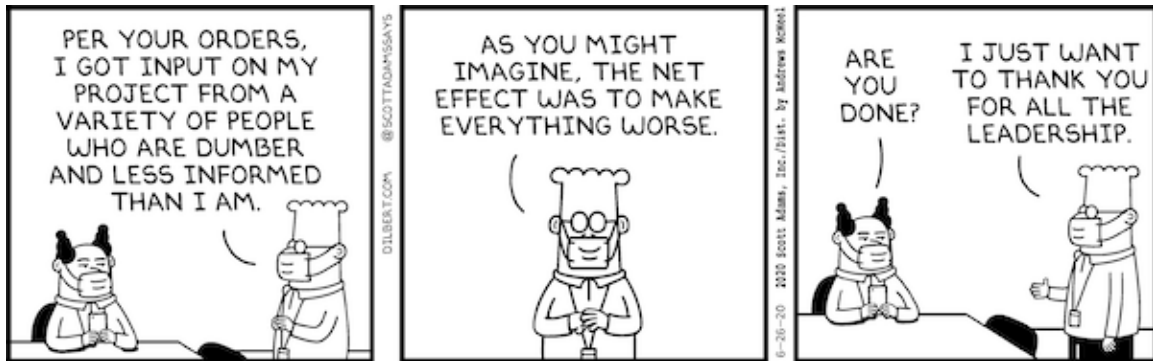
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Subject: GDEcD Commissioner on GA Tourism, Wiregrass Tech & TU, Mediacom, Hospital Hero, Georgia Chamber, State's Health Programs, Video: GA Power Recreation

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June 24, 2020 Edition



GDEcD Commissioner Pat Wilson: State's Tourism is Down Due to Pandemic, but Not Out

As the unofficial capital of the Southeast, Georgia has the biggest cities, the most diverse population and a vast geographical range from the mountains to the beach. Our tourism industry constantly redefines what it means to be Southern by sharing the places, culture, stories and people that make Georgia so unique, and this has earned our state a strong reputation as a top travel destination.

Video: Jay Smith on the Georgia Power Recreation Facilities

Area Manager for Albany with Georgia Power Jay Smith talks about the 15 lakes and 40 recreational properties across the State that Georgia Power operates.



News

Wiregrass Tech and Thomas University Sign Multiple Articulation Agreements

Mediacom Announces Series of Company Initiatives to Help Customers and Communities Recover from COVID-19 Crisis

SGMC's Cathy Swilley Named Hospital Hero

Silicon Ranch, PCL Commence Construction for 20-Megawatt Solar Project in Colquitt County to Help Power Facebook Data Center

Georgia Chamber to Spotlight
Manufacturing in Upcoming
'Future Of' Series

State Launches Internet
Speedtest Pilot for Schools

Worrisome Budget Cuts Ahead
for the State's Health Programs

Georgia Power Announces
Resequencing of Vogtle Units 3 &
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Georgia Chamber & Metro
Atlanta Chamber Applaud
Legislature for Passage of Hate
Crimes Bill

Georgia's Public HBCUs:
Standing United

New CEFGA Instagram Live
Series to Educate Students about
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State Farm Neighborhood Assist
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Senator Loeffler Announces
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Frank Richards on Advocacy Work at Second Harvest (1:12)



VSU's Rodney Carr on the Center for South Georgia Regional Impact (1:56)

Recent Features

June Poll Shows Georgia Employee Trust and Loyalty Increased by Businesses' Pandemic Response; Employees Report Heightened Productivity but Specific Concerns, Wishes for Recovery

A goBeyondProfit survey conducted earlier this month among working Georgians shows businesses' pandemic response has increased their employees' trust and loyalty. Respondents reported work productivity higher than before the pandemic and indicated better-than-neutral mental wellbeing, though they worry about job security and coronavirus exposure at work and among their family and friends.

Chris Clark: The Inequality of Opportunity

We are in an important national conversation on systemic racism and the underlying inequality of economic opportunity in America. The Georgia

Chamber and the business community will directly engage in dialogue and actively advocate for policies that create long term job growth, mobility, and equality for all Georgians. Doing so is essential for our collective prosperity.

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From: Grow, William
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Patten, Kristin
Subject: Re: Scalawag Magazine

Thanks
Stand informed

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2020, at 4:32 PM, Patten, Kristin <kristin.patten@dph.ga.gov> wrote:

Hey everyone,

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Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 6/23/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_6-23-2020_F.docx

Hi all

Attached please find today's Epidemiology SitRep. This document is for internal situational awareness only, not public nor media.

Take care,
Cherie

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Attachments: COVID-19_Ops-Epi SitRep_GEMA_6-23-2020.docx

Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

- 1) DPH SPOCs had another day of over 7000 specimens collected yesterday.
- 2) DPH SPOC specimen count has now exceeded 250,000 total specimens collected.

David Newton, DrPH(c), MPH, NRP

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Public Safety Agencies (EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement) and Public Safety Personnel need to check for updated COVID-19 information on the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma web site as well as the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health Coronavirus web pages:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Georgia Department of Public Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma (OEMS): <https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS>

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 6.23.2020.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 6.23.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 468 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,746 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
4,002 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,214 Resident Deaths
3,021 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 81.7% of residents tested
63.8% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 73% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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HHS Region 4 Health News – June 23, 2020

For the most current information about COVID-19, please follow CDC on social media and sign up for the newsletter to receive weekly emails about the COVID-19 outbreak.

**Join us for a webcast
on June 23 or June 25
at 2:00 ET**

Provider Relief Fund:
Medicaid and CHIP Distribution



<https://twitter.com/HHSGov/status/1275455579301920773/photo/1>

Community Health News

[Mental Health Parity Toolkit](#)

This toolkit promoted by the CDC's [Public Health Law Program](#) provides an overview of the laws that require health insurers to cover mental health and substance abuse treatment—known as “parity laws.”

[New Guide on the Treatment of Stimulant Use Disorders](#)

This new SAMHSA publication supports health care providers, systems, and communities seeking to treat stimulant use disorders. It describes relevant research findings, examines best practices, identifies knowledge gaps and implementation challenges, and offers useful resources.

[Launch of Rural Community Toolbox Website](#)

Wed., June 24, 2020, 3:00 p.m., EDT, Register [here](#).

Join the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and Senior Administration Officials for a virtual launch of the Rural Community Toolbox website, a new resource for rural communities that will serve as a clearinghouse for funding and resources to support rural leaders in building strong, healthy, and drug-free communities.

[Suicide Prevention Training for Clergy](#)

Wed., June 24, 2020, 2:00 p.m. EDT. [Register here](#).

The Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiative (CFOI) at Veteran Affairs is hosting this webinar to help faith and community leaders better understand the scope of suicide in the U.S., how to identify a Veteran that may be at risk for suicide, and what to do when a Veteran is identified as being at risk.

COVID-19 Related News

[Explaining Operation Warp Speed](#)

HHS released a [Fact Sheet explaining Operation Warp Speed](#), a strategy that aims to deliver 300 million doses of a safe, effective vaccine for COVID-19 by January 2021, as part of a broader strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing, and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics.

[SBA's Recovery and Resilience for Faith Based Communities Call](#)

Tonight! Mon., June 22, 5 p.m. EDT, [Join here](#) or call 833-380-0652

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will be hosting a national call to discuss how the faith community can recover from the financial impact of COVID-19. The discussion will specifically focus on the remaining funds available to faith-based organizations through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL).

Also see the recent news: [SBA and Treasury Announce New EZ and Revised Full Forgiveness Applications for the Paycheck Protection Program](#)

[HHS Awards \\$107.2 Million to Grow and Train the Health Workforce](#)

HHS, through its Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced awards totaling [\\$107.2 million to 310 recipients to increase the health workforce in rural and underserved communities](#) aimed at improving the quality, distribution, and diversity of health professionals serving across the country.

**Learn about other [HRSA funding opportunities](#).

[COVID-19: Vulnerable Populations and Palliative Care: Call for Social Justice Webinar](#)

Thurs. July 9, 2020, 3:00 p.m. EDT, [Register here](#).

Presented by a CDC partner, speakers will address the central role of palliative care across all systems and provide a trauma-informed perspective in working with diverse and vulnerable people affected by the pandemic, as well as the critical importance of workforce education and training.

COVID-19 Related Guidance and Advisories

[Updated Considerations for Events and Gatherings](#)

Event planners and officials can determine, in collaboration with state and local health officials, whether and how to implement the CDC's [considerations](#) for making adjustments that will meet the unique needs and circumstances of the local community.

[Updated Considerations for Community-Based Organizations](#)

As some community-based organizations (CBOs) should continually assess, based on current conditions, how to modify their operations and programming to both advance their mission and protect their staff and stakeholders.

[On Running Errands and Going Out](#)

While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, CDC released information on preventive measures to consider before venturing out to run errands, using transportation, or resuming personal or social activities.

[Tips to Keep Children Healthy While Schools Out](#)

This guidance includes information on keeping children active, socially connected, helping children cope with stress, and watching for signs of illness.

[Household Checklist for Protecting Your Home](#)

CDC's [household checklist](#) encourages families to stay informed and in touch, prepare for possible illness, and take every day preventative actions. CDC has also updated guidance for [daily life and coping](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[For People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Because many people who are homeless are older adults or have underlying medical conditions, they may also be at higher risk for severe disease. CDC also released updated guidance intended to [support response planning by homeless service providers](#), including overnight emergency shelters, day shelters, and meal service providers.

[On Alcohol and Substance Use](#)

Increased stress can lead to increases in alcohol and substance use. If you or someone you care about is starting to use alcohol or other substances, or is increasing their use during the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC has released guidance and resources highlighting the basics of excessive use and what you can do to help.

[ACL Updated COVID-19 Resources](#)

HHS's Administration for Community Living has updated the [COVID-19 resources page](#) on their website with particularly relevance for seniors and persons with disabilities.

[Keeping Pets Safe Video](#)

FDA released a [new video](#) about how to keep your pets safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Grant Announcements

[Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program \(SHOP\)](#)

FR-6400-N-19 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the availability of \$10,000,000 in FY2020 SHOP Grant funds to be awarded to national and regional non-profit organizations and consortia to facilitate and encourage innovative homeownership opportunities on a national, geographically diverse basis through the provision of self-help homeownership housing programs.

**Learn about other [HUD funding announcements](#).

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\) – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome \(RCORP-NAS\)](#)

HRSA-20-106 - The RCORP - NAS project seeks to reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) in rural communities by improving systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health. Eligible applicants include all domestic public or private, non-profit, or

for profit entities including accredited, academic institutions. Domestic faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

Closing date: July 20, 2020.

Previously mentioned (please refer to our former Weekly's for more prior funding notices)

[The Title X Family Services Program Grant Awards](#)

HHS is [accepting grant applications](#) for the Title X Family Services program and evaluation research related to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program.

[Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education](#) HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-TS-1821 Funds are available under the [Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education \(CSRAE\)](#) Program. **Closing date: July 2, 2020.**

[Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential \(Fatherhood FIRE\)](#) HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZJ-1846 - Closing date: July 1, 2020.

[Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life \(READY4Life\)](#) HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZD-1838 - Closing date: July 1, 2020.

[Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults \(FRAMEWorks\)](#) HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZB-1817 - Closing date: July 1, 2020.

Grants and Loans from USDA Supporting Rural Communities - Currently Accepting Applications:

[Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#)

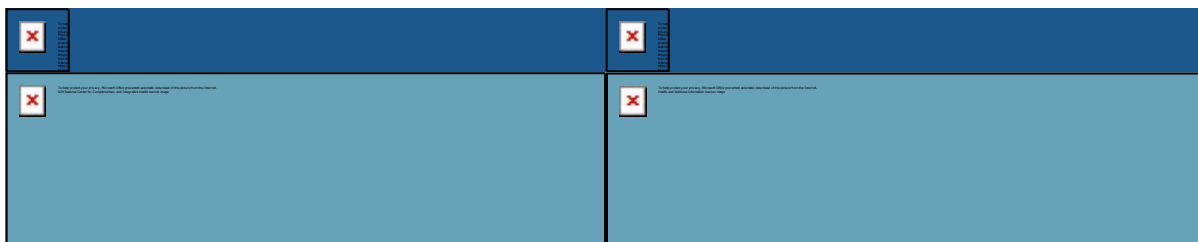
[Rural Community Development Initiative Grants \(RCDI\)](#)

[Rural Development Single Family Direct Housing Loans](#)

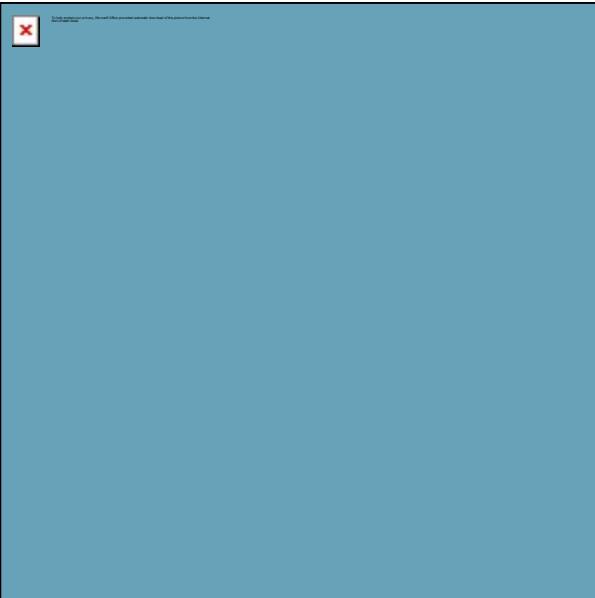
[USDA Rural Business Development Grants](#)

In case you missed this last week, The Partnership Center is supporting HHS and FEMA's efforts to [make face coverings widely available in order to limit the spread of COVID-19](#). The face coverings, produced and delivered in partnership with USPS and the National Council of Textile Organizations, are being made available to community-based organizations at no cost (and while supplies last). Please [click here](#) for information on the face coverings and how to order.

[Click here](#) to view in browser.



It's International Men's Health Week



This week is International Men's Health Week—a time for encouraging men and boys to focus on steps they can take toward healthier living.

Visit our website for information that can help you meet your health goals related to:

- [Coronavirus and “alternative” treatments](#)
- [Quitting smoking](#)
- [Risk factors for heart disease](#)
- [Bodybuilding products](#)
- [Using dietary supplements wisely](#)

Interested in something else? Look for it in our [A to Z list](#) of health topics.

[Find out more](#)

Medicare Coverage of COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Home Residents and Patients

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has instructed Medicare Administrative Contactors and notified Medicare Advantage plans to cover coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) laboratory tests for nursing home residents and patients. This instruction follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) recent update of [COVID-19 testing guidelines for nursing homes](#) that provides recommendations for testing of nursing home residents and patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 as well as for asymptomatic residents and patients who have been exposed to COVID like in an outbreak. Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans will cover COVID-19 lab tests consistent with CDC guidance.

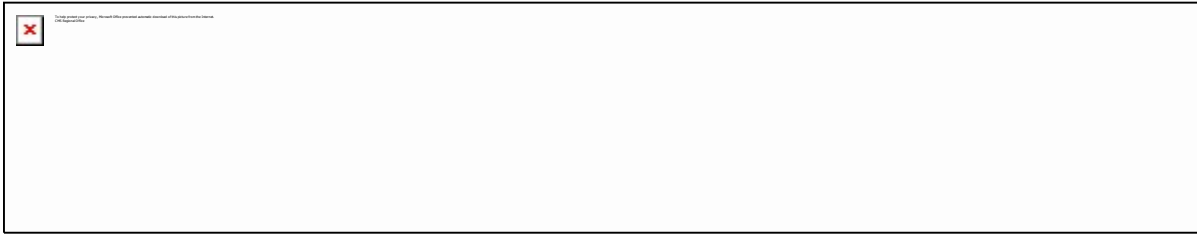
Medicare Advantage plans must continue not to charge cost sharing (including deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance) or apply prior authorization or other utilization management requirements for COVID-19 tests and testing-related services.

Read the Medicare Learning Network article: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/se20011.pdf>.

Read the memo to Medicare Advantage plans: <https://cms.gov/files/document/hpms-memo-diagnostic-testing-nursing-home-residents-and-patients-coronavirus-disease-2019.pdf>.

More information about Medicare coverage of COVID-19 tests is available at:

<https://www.medicare.gov/coverage/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-tests>.



CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/22/20

CMS hosts varied recurring stakeholder engagement sessions to share information related to the agency’s response to COVID-19. These sessions are open to members of the healthcare community and are intended to provide updates, share best practices among peers, and offer attendees an opportunity to ask questions of CMS and other subject matter experts. Call details are below. Conference lines are limited so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and professional networks. These calls are not intended for the press.

Calls recordings and transcripts are posted on the CMS podcast page at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts>

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls (Tuesdays at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern)

Office Hour Calls provide an opportunity for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS’s temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
- Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
- Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
- Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

This week’s Office Hours:

Tuesday, June 23rd at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 5775248

Audio Webcast link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=e6d40f9a-ba81064a-e6d43ea5-0cc47a6a52de-87ea56ee2eb62db5&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=62614223-3e355b5f-6261731c-0cc47adc5fa2-1ae7d81e2ad12740&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2181>

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Calls

CMS hosts weekly calls for certain types of organizations to provide targeted updates on the agency’s latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

Home Health and Hospice (2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 3:00 PM Eastern)

Tuesday, June 23rd at 3:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 3676539 Audio Webcast Link:

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Nursing Homes (2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4:30 PM Eastern)

Wednesday, June 24th at 4:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 3089577 Audio Webcast Link:

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Dialysis Organizations (2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5:30 PM Eastern)

Wednesday, June 24th at 5:30 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 6494855 Audio Webcast Link:

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Nurses (2nd and 4th Thursdays at 3:00 PM Eastern)

Thursday, June 25th at 3:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 9496814 Audio Webcast Link:

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To keep up with the important work the White House Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19 click here: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=36fa2226-6aae0b0d-36fa1319-0cc47a6d17cc-2d06c219f858d641&u=http://www.coronavirus.gov/>. For information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).



CMS NEWS: Trump Administration Issues Call to Action Based on New Data Detailing COVID-19 Impacts on Medicare Beneficiaries

Today, under the leadership of President Trump, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is calling for a renewed national commitment to value-based care based on Medicare claims data that provides an early snapshot of the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the Medicare population. The data shows that older Americans and those with chronic health conditions are at the highest risk for COVID-19 and confirms long-understood disparities in health outcomes for racial and ethnic minority groups and among low-income populations.

“The disparities in the data reflect longstanding challenges facing minority communities and low income older adults, many of whom face structural challenges to their health that go far beyond

what is traditionally considered ‘medical’,” said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. “Now more than ever, it is clear that our fee-for-service system is insufficient for the most vulnerable Americans because it limits payment to what goes on inside a doctor’s office. The transition to a value-based system has never been so urgent. When implemented effectively, it encourages clinicians to care for the whole person and address the social risk factors that are so critical for our beneficiaries’ quality of life.”

The data released today includes the total number of reported COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among Medicare beneficiaries between January 1 and May 16, 2020. The snapshot breaks down COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations for Medicare beneficiaries by state, race/ethnicity, age, gender, dual eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid, and urban/rural locations. The new data show that more than 325,000 Medicare beneficiaries had a diagnosis of COVID-19 between January 1 and May 16, 2020. This translates to 518 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries. The data also indicate that nearly 110,000 Medicare beneficiaries were hospitalized for COVID-19-related treatment, which equals 175 COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 Medicare beneficiaries.

Blacks were hospitalized with COVID-19 at a rate nearly four times higher than whites. The disparities presented in the snapshot go beyond race/ethnicity and suggest the impact of social determinants of health, particularly socio-economic status.

Other key data points:

- End-stage renal disease (ESRD) patients (individuals with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis) had the highest rate of hospitalization among all Medicare beneficiaries, with 1,341 hospitalizations per 100,000 beneficiaries. Patients with ESRD are also more likely to have chronic comorbidities associated with increased COVID-19 complications and hospitalization, such as diabetes and heart failure.
- The second highest rate was among beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid (also known as “dual eligible”), with 473 hospitalizations per 100,000 beneficiaries.
- Among racial/ethnic groups, Blacks had the highest hospitalization rate, with 465 per 100,000. Hispanics had 258 hospitalizations per 100,000. Asians had 187 per 100,000 and whites had 123 per 100,000.
- Beneficiaries living in rural areas have fewer cases and were hospitalized at a lower rate than those living in urban/suburban areas (57 versus 205 hospitalizations per 100,000).

The snapshot also shows that besides higher hospitalization rates, beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare have a higher infection rate of COVID-19, with 1,406 cases per 100,000 beneficiaries. By comparison, the coronavirus infection rate for beneficiaries enrolled only in Medicare is 325 cases per 100,000. The rate of COVID-19 cases for dual eligible individuals is higher across all age, sex, and race/ethnicity groups. Previous research has shown that these individuals experience high rates of chronic illness, with many having long-term care needs and social risk factors that can lead to poor health outcomes.

Given the complexity of these disparities, any solution requires a multi-sectoral approach that includes federal, state, and local governments, community based organizations, and private industry. One piece of this is the increased implementation of a value-based system that rewards providers for keeping patients healthy and gives consumers the information about disease prevention and outcomes needed to help make healthcare choices on the basis of quality. Additionally, CMS is encouraging states to double down on efforts to protect low income seniors and look at the data and determine what resources are available, both locally and federally, to improve this disparity of health outcomes. CMS has identified a range of operational opportunities for states to improve care for dually eligible individuals and a variety of models that states can participate in that focus on improving the quality and cost of care for individuals who are concurrently enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare.

The Center for Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Services is developing guidance for states on new opportunities to adopt innovative, value-based payment design and implement strategies to address social determinants of health for their beneficiaries, including those who are dually-eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. In addition to these ongoing efforts and programs, the CMS Office of Minority Health will be holding a series of listening sessions with key stakeholders responsible for providing care to racial and ethnic minorities. These listening sessions are intended to help refine the ongoing outreach and work by CMS to improve future efforts on this issue.

CMS typically releases Medicare claims information on an annual basis when there are more complete claims and encounter data. However, as part of the agency’s efforts to provide data transparency during the pandemic and ensure the public has this vital information as soon as it is available, CMS is releasing this preliminary data now. The data will be updated on a monthly basis as more claims and encounter records are received. CMS anticipates releasing similar information on Medicaid beneficiaries in the future.

For more information on the Medicare COVID-19 data, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/research-statistics-data-systems/preliminary-medicare-covid-19-data-snapshot>

For an FAQ on this data release, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-covid-19-data-snapshot-faqs.pdf>

For a blog by CMS Administrator Seema Verma, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/blog/medicare-covid-19-data-release-blog>



HHS Announces Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine to Fight COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities

\$40 Million Initiative Will Help Communities Hardest Hit by the Pandemic

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced the selection of the Morehouse School of Medicine as the awardee for a new \$40 million initiative to fight COVID-19 in racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities. The Morehouse School of Medicine will enter into a cooperative agreement with OMH to lead the initiative to coordinate a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver COVID-19-related information to communities hardest hit by the pandemic.

“The Trump Administration has made it a priority to support and empower Americans who have been most impacted by COVID-19, including minority, rural, and socially vulnerable communities,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “This new partnership between the Morehouse School of Medicine and our Office of Minority Health

will work with trusted community organizations to bring information on COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and other services to the Americans who need it.”

The initiative – the National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities (NIMIC) – is a three-year project designed to work with community-based organizations across the nation to deliver education and information on resources to help fight the pandemic. The information network will strengthen efforts to link communities to COVID-19 testing, healthcare and social services and to best share and implement effective response, recovery and resilience strategies.

“Underlying social determinants of health and disparate burdens of chronic medical conditions are contributing to worse COVID-related outcomes in minority and socially vulnerable communities, and this partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine is essential to improving our overall response,” said Assistant Secretary for Health ADM Brett P. Giroir, M.D. “We’ve made important strides over the past few months in fighting the pandemic, and with Morehouse School of Medicine as our partner, we are ready to advance our efforts to support our most affected communities.”

These social determinants of health are the conditions in which we live, work, grow and age, that can include working conditions; unemployment; underemployment; access to essential goods and services such as water, sanitation and food; housing; and access to quality healthcare. Such conditions may reflect inequities experienced by disadvantaged communities, leading to poor health status and adverse health outcomes and requiring community- and systems-level responses.

“We know the power of partnerships to help us solve our most pressing public health challenges,” said U.S. Surgeon General VADM Jerome M. Adams, M.D., M.P.H. “This initiative has at its core the community-based organizations who know their people best and who are committed to working collaboratively to reduce health-inequities and make them healthy and safe.”

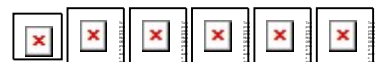
OMH announced the initiative through a funding announcement on May 1. The NIMIC initiative is expected to begin in July and the first award is for \$14.6 million.

“Communities throughout the country have already done a lot of hard work to adapt and respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on racial and ethnic minority, rural and vulnerable populations,” said Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health RADM Felicia Collins, M.D. “OMH and the Morehouse School of Medicine look forward to continue working with our communities to link them to the information, resources, healthcare and services needed to reduce the spread of COVID-19.”

The **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)**, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides public health and science advice to the Secretary, and oversees the Department’s broad-ranging public health offices, whose missions include minority health, HIV policy, women’s health, disease prevention, human research protections and others. OASH also includes the Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

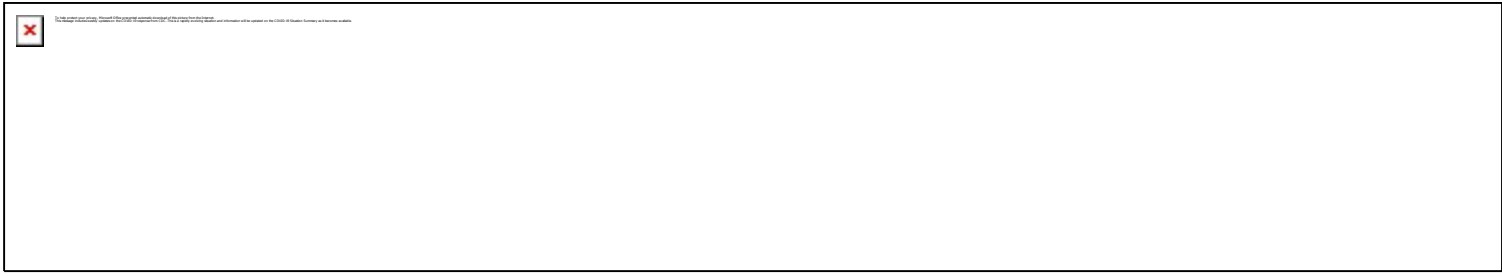
The **Office of Minority Health (OMH)** is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities.

For more information about the Office of Minority Health visit: www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov



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This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Food and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Coronaviruses, like the one that causes COVID-19, are thought to spread mostly [person-to-person](#) through respiratory droplets when someone coughs, sneezes, or talks. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or consuming food is associated with COVID-19.

[More Info](#)

Highlighted Resources

[An Approach for Monitoring and Evaluating Community Mitigation Strategies for COVID-19](#)

[Testing Data in the U.S.](#)

[Suggestions for Youth and Summer Camps](#)

[Spanish Communication Resources](#)

[Interim Guidance for Public Health Professionals Managing People With COVID-19 in Home Care and Isolation Who Have Pets or Other Animals](#)

Resources and Guidance

[Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)


[People at Higher Risk for Severe Illness](#)

[Travel](#)

[State and Local Public Health Professionals](#)

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[Resources in American Sign Language](#) 

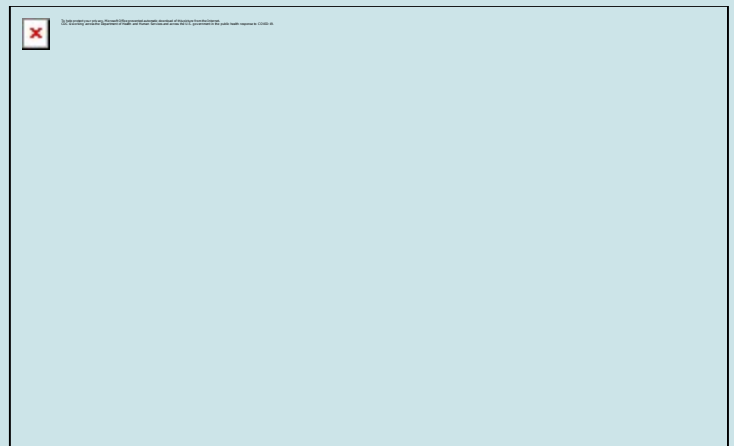


Resources are also available in [Spanish](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Vietnamese](#), and [Korean](#).

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

As of June 22, 2020

In the United States, there have been 2,275,645 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.



CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.

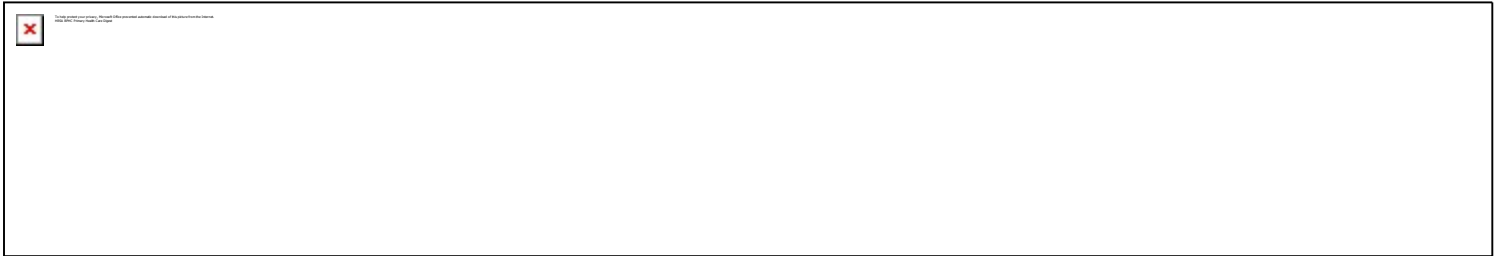
U.S. Cases



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June 23, 2020

Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates

Join Jim for updates on COVID-19 and other topics, such as our multi-year transformation effort to advance community health.

Monday, June 29

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

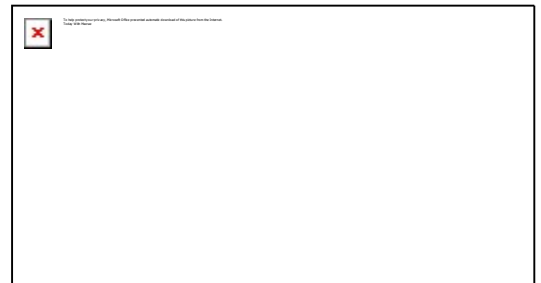
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If you cannot log in for the visual portion, please still call in!



Missed our most recent Today with Macrae calls? We post the recordings and transcripts on our [COVID-19 Information for Health Centers and Partners webpage](#) as soon as we're able.



Jump To: [COVID-19](#) | [Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health](#) | [HIV](#) | [Diabetes](#) | [Workforce](#) | [Additional Resources](#)

What's New

Look-Alike Designation Periods Ending in Fiscal Year 2021 Extended

To provide flexibility during this time of COVID-19 pandemic response, HRSA extended the designation periods of the majority of health center look-alikes scheduled to complete a Renewal of Designation (RD) in fiscal year (FY) 2021. Look-alikes whose current three-year designation period ends in FY 2021 will receive a 12-month extension and will complete an Annual Certification rather than an RD in FY 2021. HRSA notified each of the affected look-alikes about the extended designation period through a Notice of Look-alike Designation.

Based on statutory requirements, look-alikes in a current one-year designation period will still complete an FY 2021 RD. Submit any questions via the [BPHC Contact Form](#).

Quarterly 340B Program Registration

Quarterly 340B Program site registration is open from July 1 to 15. Health centers will still be able to register a site that has been verified as implemented and with a site status reflected as "active" in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) Form 5B through August 21. After that date, the system will close to prepare for the October 1 start. [Email the 340B call center](#) or call 888-340-2787 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET) to register a new site or ask questions.

You will need to provide the following information when calling:

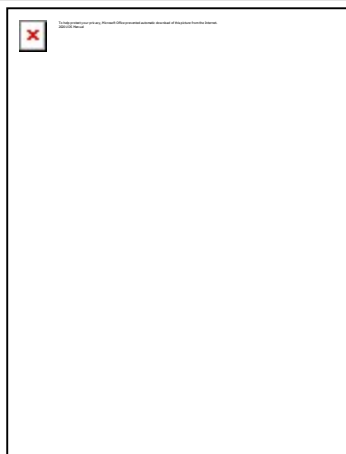
- Health center name.
- Site/clinic name.
- Site IDs for all sites.
- HRSA/BPHC grant number.
- Contact name and email address.
- Authorizing official name and email address.

The authorizing official will receive an email message that the account is unlocked and a registration may be submitted.

2020 Uniform Data System Manual Now Available

The [2020 Uniform Data System \(UDS\) Manual](#) provides health centers with detailed reporting instructions to support calendar year 2020 UDS reports and each of the required data tables related to patients, operations, and clinical performance. 2020 UDS data reporting will take place between January 1, and February 15, 2021.

Given the historical impact of COVID-19, additional reporting changes include COVID-19 ICD-10 and CPT clinical codes, as well as codes for acute respiratory illness due to COVID-19. [Get more information on 2020 UDS reporting](#).



Technical Assistance & Training



[Visit the training calendar to learn details about or register for events.](#)

Through June 30

Taking Care of the Compassionate Care Team: Conversations about Moral Distress and Moral Injury

Hosted by NACHC, with funding from SAMHSA

Tuesday, June 23
Noon-1:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

HRSA Fiscal and Grants Management Best Practices for Health Centers

Tuesday, June 23
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Join the day of the session](#)
Call-in: 888-628-9525
Passcode: 9747226
[Submit a question ahead of time](#)

Manager Training for Employee Engagement

Hosted by the STAR² Center (part of The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, a HRSA-funded NTTAP)

Part 1:
Tuesday, June 23
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Part 2:
Tuesday, June 30
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Returning to Primary Care: Diabetes Care During a Public Health Crisis

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP

Part 3:
Wednesday, June 24
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Partnership Opportunities for Health Centers, EnVision Centers, and Public Housing Agencies

Hosted by the National Center for Health in Public Housing, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Wednesday, June 24

Service Area Competition Notices of Funding Opportunity Released for January 1 and February 1 Starts

- **Service areas with a January 1, 2021, project period start date:** HRSA released the FY 2021 Service Area Competition (SAC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), HRSA-21-002. This NOFO announces services areas where the current award recipient is in a 1-year project period that ends December 31. Applications are due in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, August 17, and in EHBs by 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, September 14.
- **Service areas with a February 1, 2021, project period start date:** HRSA released the FY 2021 SAC NOFO, HRSA-21-003. This NOFO announces service areas where the current award recipient is in a 1-year project period that ends January 31, 2021. Applications are due in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, August 17, and in EHBs by 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, September 16.

Current award recipients should refer to box 6 of the most recent Notice of Award to obtain their project period length and end date. Technical assistance (TA) materials are available on the [SAC TA webpage](#).

SAC-Additional Area NOFO Released for Newark, NJ

HRSA released a FY 2021 SAC-Additional Area (SAC-AA) NOFO, HRSA-21-084, for the Newark, New Jersey service area. Applications are due in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, August 17, and in EHBs by 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 1. TA materials are available on the [SAC-AA TA webpage](#).

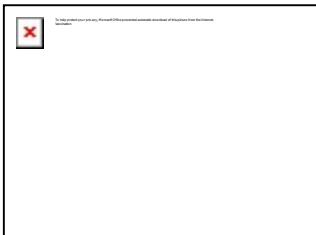
HRSA Healthy Grants Web Series

HRSA's Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM) launched its Healthy Grants Web Series this month. This Adobe Connect series will provide presentations on the most requested grants management topics. [Learn more and join an upcoming web workshop.](#)



Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The CDC's recently released [Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) can help your health center plan for safe vaccine administration during the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC will continue updating this guidance as the pandemic evolves.



1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

The Joint Commission Standards: COVID-19 and PCMH Standards

Hosted by The Joint Commission

Wednesday, June 24

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Rejuvenate Consumer Leadership: Lessons from the Updated Consumer Advisory Board Manual

Hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a HRSA-funded NTTAP

Wednesday, June 24

3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Reimagining Care: Promising Practices: Reducing Talent Burnout & Increasing Workforce Resiliency

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP

Thursday, June 25

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Visit NACHC's website to register or view past recordings](#)

Additional "Reimagining Care" sessions are planned for 1:00 p.m. ET July 9, July 23, and August 6.

Clinical Leaders Peer-to-Peer Forum: Leading Together in Uncertain Times

Thursday, June 25

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

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Health Information Technology, Evaluation, and Quality (HITEQ) Center Highlights: Shared Care Planning Optimization Using the EHR

Hosted by HITEQ, a HRSA-funded NTTAP

Tuesday, June 30

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

AHRQ Cross-Sectional Innovation to Improve Rural Postpartum Mental

Verify Your Sites by Sunday, July 5

Health centers that have Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition by Wednesday, July 1, 2020, may be eligible to receive the 2020 Health Center PCMH Recognition Quality Award. View the [table for verifying your health center's PCMH status](#) and, if needed, [instructions for submitting an update](#).



Health Challenge

Hosted by AHRQ
Tuesday, June 30
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Upcoming

COVID-19

HHS Requests Information About Public Health and Health System Adaptation for COVID-19

HHS issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to gather feedback about how public health and health systems have adapted to address COVID-19. The request asks for opportunities to strengthen the U.S. health care system through partnerships in data sharing and analytics.

Frequently Asked Questions

We continually update our [COVID-19 FAQ webpage](#) and our [page for coronavirus-related funding FAQs](#). The resources and links on our [COVID-19 Information for Health Centers and Partners webpage](#) now include links to Provider Relief Fund FAQs/resources.

HRSA Fiscal and Grants Management Best Practices for Health Centers

BPHC and OFAM are hosting a webinar highlighting key fiscal aspects to provide health centers with strategies to ensure compliance and properly manage all HRSA funding, including COVID-19-related awards (H8C, H8D, and H8E).

Tuesday, June 23
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Join the day of the session](#)
Call-in: 888-628-9525
Passcode: 9747226

OFAM speakers will share best practices for managing your portfolio of HRSA funding and guidance on how to ensure all costs are allowable and support each respective grant, and they will discuss these key items:

- Examples of adequate supporting documentation for allowable costs under the health center and FY 2020 COVID-19 awards.
- Budget and fiscal requirement reminders.
- Financial management system best practices (e.g., separation of funding by source, internal controls).

[Submit a question ahead of time.](#)

New Project Period Webinar for NTTAP Awardees

Thursday, July 2
1:00-2:30 p.m. ET
[Join the day of the session](#)
Call-in: 800-779-5383
Passcode: 4213046

Dental Sealants in the COVID-19 World

Hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Monday, July 6
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)
****1.0 CDE available****

PCMH Office Hours: COVID-19, Reopening and What's Next

Hosted by the National Committee for Quality Assurance
Wednesday, July 8
10:00-11:00 a.m. ET
[Register here](#)

****NEW DATE** Testing for COVID-19 in Homeless Shelters & Encampments: Discussing CDC's New Health Department Guidance & the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's Newest Issue Brief**

Hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Friday, July 10
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Introduction to the UDS Mapper

Monday, July 13
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Introduction to Hepatitis B: Testing and Best Practices

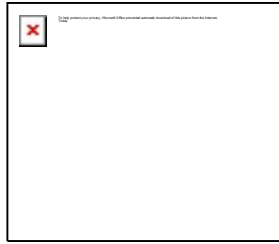
Wednesday, July 15
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

PCA New Project Period Kick-Off Call

Thursday, July 16

COVID-19 Survey Deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET TODAY

As a reminder, the survey you received on Friday, June 19, is due by 11:59 p.m. ET today. We recently created a [User Guide](#) to assist you in completing the survey. If you missed it, [see the recent bulletin](#) we sent discussing the survey link.



As always, we're grateful to all of the health centers and look-alikes that complete these weekly surveys! The input is invaluable—it allows us to better understand training and technical assistance, funding, and other health center resource needs. Using it, we can track COVID-19's impact on health center operations, staff, and patients.

Updated Guidance for Health Care Facilities: Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

CDC updated its [guidance for health care facilities](#) to reflect the current understanding of health care systems and facilities for managing operations during the pandemic.

Reimagining Care: Reducing Talent Burnout & Increasing Workforce Resiliency

The "Reimagining Care" series from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), a HRSA-funded National Training and Technical Assistance Partner (NTTAP), focuses on how health centers will continue to lead the primary health care industry through flexibility and innovation in a post-COVID-19 world.

The next session will offer guidance on reducing burnout in a time of increasing stress. Subject matter experts will provide promising practices with "real world" perspectives, guiding tips, and resources to help meet the current and future demands of delivery of care.

Thursday, June 25
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

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Additional "Reimagining Care" sessions are planned for 1:00 p.m. ET on July 9, July 23, and August 6.



Many federal organizations, HRSA-funded NTTAPs, and other partners are holding COVID-19-related webinars. Our [Technical Assistance Calendar](#) lists more of them and includes descriptions and registration information.

Resources

- COVID-19 data from [HRSA-funded health centers](#) and [look-alikes](#)

2:00-3:30 p.m. ET

HRSA will email connection information to participants.

VBP Contracting Safeguards

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
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Wednesday, July 15

3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

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UDS Mapper Advanced Topic: Data Resources in the UDS Mapper

Tuesday, July 28

11:00 a.m.-noon ET

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Wednesday, September 2

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UDS Mapper Advanced Topic Webinar: New Features in the UDS Mapper

Thursday, September 17

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

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UDS Mapper Special Topic Webinar: Food Insecurity and Opportunities for Health Centers

Wednesday, September 23

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

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- [COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit: Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns](#)
 - [HRSA Coronavirus webpage](#)
 - [HHS Coronavirus Updates webpage](#)
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Health Center Boards Resources

Visit the [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse COVID-19 page](#) and select "Governance" to find information from NACHC on virtual board meetings, financial oversight, and strategic considerations given the current public health emergency. Additional resources will be released soon on financial oversight for boards.

Strategies to Manage Financial Operations During COVID-19 Response and Recovery

NACHC is producing a [five-part podcast series](#) to help health centers manage their fiscal solvency during COVID-19 response and recovery. Podcast topics include managing your health center's cash flow, paycheck protection, the Provider Relief Fund, grants management, and staffing. The first four sessions are available now, including the most recent, "Health Center Funding, Reporting, and Grants Management Considerations."

Re-Opening Dental Practices During COVID-19: Legal Analysis

This [publication by NACHC](#) includes considerations for health centers in determining the re-opening of dental services during the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides brief analysis of FTCA coverage, malpractice liability, CDC guidance, and applicable OSHA rules. It is also available in Spanish via the same link.

New Health Center Leadership Video Series Recording

In the sixth video in [NACHC's series](#), Wil Franklin, MS, LPC, President & Chief Executive Officer at KC CARE Health Center in Kansas City, MO, reminds leaders that knowing the organization's mission and values will help focus their attention on 1) their people as their most valuable resource, 2) health and safety, and 3) showing up in new and different ways for their patients.

Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health

Join a Community of Practice to Help Your Health Center Develop a Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing Strategy

Does your health center have a sound strategy for assessing and treating people with chronic pain who are at risk for opioid use disorder and substance use disorder (SUD)? Participants will develop skills to create an infrastructure to support the expansion of alternatives to pain management within your health center.

To apply, please create an account on [the HRSA Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Technical Assistance's website](#).

Cross-Sectional Innovation to Improve Rural Postpartum Mental Health Challenge

One in seven mothers experiences a postpartum mental health condition, defined as the onset of depression or anxiety within one year of birth. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is holding a [competition to improve postpartum mental health care for rural American families](#). Learn more at an upcoming webinar:

Tuesday, June 30
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

NOFO for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning

HRSA will make approximately 50 awards of \$200,000 each to rural communities to enhance capacity to address SUD, including opioid use disorder. Over the course of an 18-month period of performance, grant recipients will conduct a series of planning activities, engage multi-sector consortiums, and participate in the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Planning learning collaborative. Applicant organizations may be located in an urban or rural areas; however, all activities supported by this program must exclusively target HRSA-designated rural areas (per the [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#)). [Learn more or apply by Monday, July 13](#).

HIV

Ready, Set, PrEP Updates

HHS recently announced [Albertsons Companies and Walmart will support Ending the HIV Epidemic](#) by donating dispensing services to the [Ready, Set, PrEP program](#). These pharmacies will also assist patients with medication adherence.

Diabetes

Cooking in the Colors of the Rainbow – Preventing Diabetes Through Healthy Eating

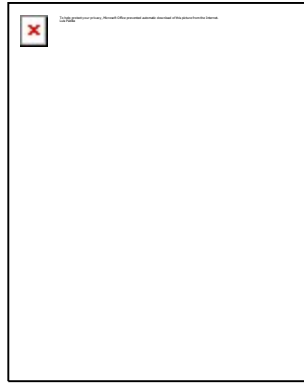
Farmworker Justice, a HRSA-funded NTTAP, developed [a coloring book for agricultural worker families](#) that promotes healthy eating as a way to prevent diabetes. It is available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole.

Workforce

Clinical Leaders Peer-to-Peer Forum: Leading Together in Uncertain Times

Dr. Luis Padilla, associate administrator of HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce, invites clinical leaders in rural and underserved communities to join a discussion with peers about issues related to telehealth, student training staffing models, and provider wellness.

Thursday, June 25
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
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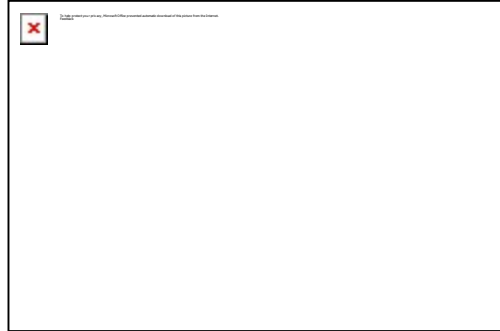
HRSA recently published two RFIs. We will collect feedback on the areas of consideration outlined in the RFIs, as well as more general feedback or suggestions, through Friday, September 18.

- **[Health Professional Shortage Area \(HPSA\) Scoring Criteria RFI:](#)**

HRSA seeks public input and feedback to inform policy considerations related to changes to HPSA scoring criteria and on possible additions or alternative approaches to HPSA scoring, as well as to solicit additional ideas and suggestions.

- **[Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria RFI:](#)**

HRSA seeks public input and feedback to inform policy considerations related to the establishment of criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas and to solicit additional ideas and suggestions related to the RFI's topic areas.



Additional Resources

Introduction to Hepatitis B: Testing and Best Practices

Learn about the epidemiology of Hepatitis B virus (HBV), including perinatal HBV and the natural history of HBV. Experts will also discuss the recommended screenings for HBV infection and interpretation of testing results to support early intervention and improved patient outcomes.

Wednesday, July 15
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
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Medical-Legal Partnership Guide for Organizations Serving Agricultural Workers

Farmworker Justice and the National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership (both HRSA-funded NTTAPs) published an updated [Medical-Legal Partnership Guide for Agricultural Worker-Serving Organizations](#). It includes strategies and resources

to develop or strengthen such partnerships in agricultural worker communities. This guide is an updated version of a guide originally published in 2013.

In case you missed it:

[Visit the Primary Health Care Digest archive.](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Free and confidential support for people in distress

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Get Help –

We can all help prevent suicide.

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

FindTreatment.gov is an important resource to help Americans looking for substance abuse treatment for themselves or their loved ones find the right type of treatment.

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Video: Wendy Colson on USPS Every Door Direct Mail

Colson Printing Company President & CEO Wendy Colson talks about working with customers when finding out the market they would like to target and why they choose to use USPS Every Door Direct Mail.

June Poll Shows Georgia Employee Trust and Loyalty Increased by Businesses' Pandemic Response;

Employees Report Heightened Productivity but Specific Concerns, Wishes for Recovery

A goBeyondProfit survey conducted earlier this month among working Georgians shows businesses' pandemic response has increased their employees' trust and loyalty. Respondents reported work productivity higher than before the pandemic and indicated better-than-neutral mental wellbeing, though they worry about job security and coronavirus exposure at work and among their family and friends.



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[Six Students Graduate from Great Promise Partnership Program](#)

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[Georgia Department of Education Awards \\$22M to School Districts in Second Round of L4GA Literacy Grants](#)

[Charlie Harper: Tax Bill Aims To Unwind A Decade of Prosperity](#)

[AAA: Georgia Gas Price Increase 2 Cents](#)

Facebook to Invest \$200M to Support Black-Owned Business

Southern Company Gas Announces Leadership Changes in Georgia and Tennessee as Part of Ongoing Strategy to Support Customer Demands

Georgia DPH Asks Residents to 'Answer the Call' in New Contact Tracing Video

Trump Administration Invests \$1.6 Billion in Rural Electric Infrastructure in 21 States

New Paychex Study Shares Insights on the Impact of the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

IBM Security Study Finds Employees New to Working from Home Pose Security Risk

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New Report Examines Bioscience Industry's Economic Impact in Georgia & Role in Global Pandemic

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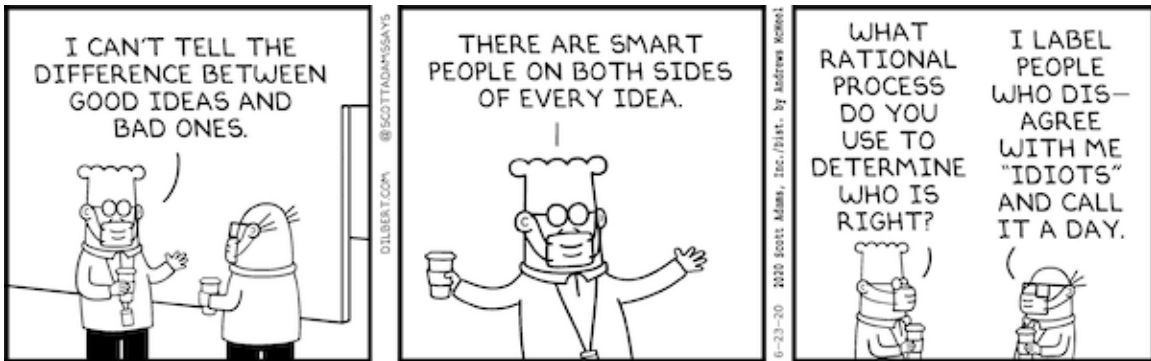
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Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) DPH SPOCs had a record amount (7,533) specimens collected on Friday, 6/19/2020 – this was the 3rd day in a row with record numbers.

David Newton, DrPH(c), MPH, NRP

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Public Safety Agencies (EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement) and Public Safety Personnel need to check for updated COVID-19 information on the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma web site as well as the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health Coronavirus web pages:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Georgia Department of Public Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

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Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 6/22/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_6-22-2020.docx

Hi all

Attached please find today's Epidemiology SitRep. This document is for internal situational awareness only, not public nor media.

Take care,
Cherie

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 6.22.2020.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 6.22.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 464 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,656 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,845 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,196 Resident Deaths
3,002 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 81% of residents tested
62.6% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 71.9% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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- **LTC Respiratory Surveillance Line List**

- **Long-Term Care (LTC) Respiratory Surveillance Outbreak Summary**

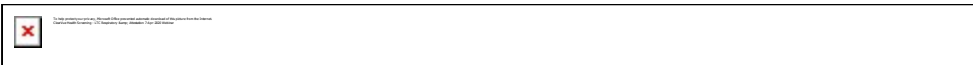
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Subject: FW: This Week's Emerging Potential Areas of Concern
Attachments: Rapid Detection_Report_6.10.20.pdf; Hotspots June 7.pptx

Hi. I think this was shared previously. This is last week's hotspot report. We will get this week's in a few days. Thanks.

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Subject: This Week's Emerging Potential Areas of Concern

Hi all

Attached please find our "Rapid Detection of Hotspots" Report for this week as well as a slide deck summarizing CDC's COVID data in Georgia (with my interpretations on the slides); all align well.

Executive Summary

- As of June 7, CDC characterizes Georgia as "not in downward trajectory" of COVID-19 case numbers
- During 6/1-6/7, our weekly statewide case numbers increased by 13% relative to the week before
- Overall, we are seeing increases in Gwinnett (but is stabilizing now), District 4-0, the Columbus area/West Georgia, several counties in NW Georgia, and south Georgia.
- Although there are many counties in Georgia with a downward trajectory of case numbers, there are also many with recent increasing rates that cannot be attributed to outbreaks in LTCFs.
- We are seeing a trend of more outbreaks in manufacturing facilities, food production facilities, and workplaces, which usually represent transmission in the community, not within the facility itself.

Several counties of concern do not have documented, clear LTCF or other outbreak attribution, indicating potential community spread (Carroll, Brooks, Thomas, Troup, Meriwether, Muscogee, Hall, White).

Other select emerging areas of concern/potential "hotspots" with attribution if known:

- Lowndes (farm and manufacturing facility outbreaks, but many cases from community as well)
- Glynn (LTCF and construction site outbreaks)
- Harris (ongoing LTCF outbreak)
- Bulloch (2 outbreaks, and some community cases as well)
- Walker (LTCF outbreak)
- Polk (ongoing manufacturing facility outbreak)
- Whitfield (1 food production facility and 1 manufacturing facility outbreak)

We will continue to monitor closely and will share with District Epidemiologists for further investigation.
Cherie

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States Whose Unemployment Rates Are Bouncing Back Most

With states opening up and the national unemployment rate now at 13.3% compared to the nearly historic high of 14.7% at the peak of the coronavirus pandemic, WalletHub released its report on the States Whose Unemployment Rates Are Bouncing Back Most.



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Perspecta to Open Regional
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Morehouse College Student Success Program Receives \$40M Donation from Philanthropists Patty Quillin and Reed Hastings

Digital Marketing Webinar for Agribusinesses Offered by UGA, Georgia Department of Agriculture

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**Tina Anderson of Wiregrass
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Recent Features

Center for the Arts Guild Elects FY21 Officers

The Center for the Arts (CAG) Guild welcomed four new board members and elected officers for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, which begins July 1st.

**Georgia Bankers Association Elects and Installs Officers and
Directors to its Board**

Members of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA) have elected and installed officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and added 10 members to its board of directors.

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Good evening,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 451 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,591 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,789 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,182 Resident Deaths
2,985 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 79.8% of residents tested
61% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 70.8% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Highlights:

- 1) DPH SPOCs had a record amount (6,974) specimens collected yesterday – 2nd day in a row with record numbers. This week's average (Mon-Thur) was 6,478 per day.
- 2) Next allocation of Remdesivir approved for shipment for early next week.

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HHS REGION 4

HHS Region 4 Health News – June 19, 2020

For the most current information about COVID-19, please follow CDC on social media and [sign up for the newsletter](#) to receive weekly emails about the COVID-19 outbreak.

HHS awards \$107.2 million to Grow and Train the Health Workforce

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is announcing awards totaling \$107.2 million to 310 recipients to increase the health workforce in rural and underserved communities. Recipients across 45 states and U.S. territories received funding to improve the quality, distribution and diversity of health professionals serving across the country.

"Supporting a strong health workforce is essential to improving health in rural and underserved communities," said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. "We've seen stark disparities in health and healthcare access contribute to the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of the Trump Administration's work to address health disparities, these grants provide support for the training of healthcare workers in rural and underserved communities."

These programs provide financial and professional support to physicians, faculty, dentists, nurses and students as they pursue careers in health care settings. Awardees will be able to develop and retain clinicians in high-need areas to meet the vital health needs of the most disadvantaged communities.

For funding details and to read the entire press release, please visit the HHS website [here](#).

This week we are excited to share that The Partnership Center is supporting HHS and FEMA's efforts to [make face coverings widely available in order to limit the spread of COVID-19](#). The face coverings, produced and delivered in partnership with USPS and the National Council of Textile Organizations, are being made available

to community-based organizations **at no cost** (and while supplies last). Please [click here](#) for information on the face coverings and how to order. A few things to note:

- Face coverings are 100% Cotton Jersey, bind around face and ears, and are treated with a 0.5% OWG Agion AMB-10 Antimicrobial (contains silver and copper, which will help to prevent the growth of viruses and germs. Washable up to 15 times). Adult One-size fits all.
- They **do not replace the N95** face mask used in healthcare settings and should not be used when caring for those with COVID-19. They are intended to expand the community's capacity to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- The face coverings come in cartons of **500 masks per carton**. (Minimum order is one carton) Larger orders may be expedited more quickly.
- They are not to be sold and are to be used within US States/Territories/Tribal Nations.
- Delivery locations must be [USPS deliverable](#) addresses.
- Allow 10-15 days to process your order. Shipments will vary in arrival time. Please be patient.
- See also the CDC's [Information About Your Cloth Face Covering](#) as a user guide.

COVID-19 Related News

[CDC Guidance for Large Community Events and Mass Gatherings](#)

CDC updated its guidance for [large community events and mass gatherings](#) to plan, prepare, and respond to COVID-19 and considerations to take before gathering.

[Checklist for Communities of Faith](#)

Communities of faith are encouraged to use this checklist to protect the health of their staff and congregants during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. For detailed information, see CDC's [Interim Guidance for Communities of Faith](#).

[HHS Announces Enhanced Provider Portal, Relief Fund Payments for Safety Net Hospitals, Medicaid & CHIP Providers](#)

In an effort to support Medicaid providers serving the most vulnerable populations, including those with low incomes and many minority patients HHS announced, [three new distributions](#) through the [Provider Relief Fund](#). The agency expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs as well as the distribution of \$10 billion in funds to safety net hospitals. An enhanced [Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#) will allow eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue to help determine their payment.

[COVID-19 Forecasts for the U.S.](#)

Last week's national ensemble forecast suggests that there will likely be between 124,000 and 140,000 total reported COVID-19 deaths by July 4th.

[Coronavirus Q&A With Anthony Fauci, MD](#)

With the protests and the pandemic colliding, fears have arisen that new COVID-19 outbreaks could soon follow. Dr. Fauci discusses the possibility of protest-related infections, COVID-19 vaccine development, "immunity passports" and other subjects during a *JAMA* interview in early June. Here is an [edited version](#) of the conversation.

[FDA Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) FAQ Updated](#)

To see the most recent updates from the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) visit their [Coronavirus Disease 2019](#) webpage and review their [updated FAQ](#) for general public and consumer audiences.

Upcoming Virtual Learning Opportunities

[Forward Together: A Virtual Symposium on Improving Access to Effective Care for People Experiencing Homelessness, Serious Mental Illness, and Substance Use Disorders](#)

Thurs., June 18, 2020 10:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. EDT

Join SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Network for a day of learning from nearly two dozen national experts, policy makers, and providers in large plenaries and smaller concurrent sessions. All those working at the intersection of serious mental illness, substance use, or co-occurring disorders and homelessness, will find engaging sessions. Join for the whole summit or drop in to only those sessions that most appeal to you. Read the full agenda and register [here](#).

[Team Transition! Mentoring Youth in the Transition from Foster Care to Adult Life](#)

Thurs., June 18, 2020, 1:00 – 2:15 p.m., EDT, Register [here](#).

The transition to adulthood represents a critical moment in the lives of youth involved in foster care. This webinar, presented by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will explore the roles that mentors can play in promoting a successful transition, conditions under which relationships can thrive, and considerations of mentoring as part of a healthy ecosystem of services and supports.

[Building Skills for Cross-Cultural Communication and Resilience During COVID-19](#)

Mon., June 22, 2020, 6:00 p.m., EDT, Register [here](#).

This workshop explores stereotypes, biases, and disparities related to COVID-19. Participants will gain skills to recognize and interrupt bias in a compassionate manner using tools for cross-cultural communication.

[Launch of Rural Community Toolbox Website](#)

Wed., June 24th, 2020, 3:00 p.m., EDT, Register [here](#).

Join the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and Senior Administration Officials for a virtual launch of the Rural Community Toolbox website, a new resource for rural communities that will serve as a clearinghouse for funding and resources in over a dozen different federal agencies to help rural leaders build strong, healthy, and drug-free communities.

[Recovery LIVE! Supporting the Resilience of Black Men: Culturally Affirming and Responsive Approaches to Engagement, Treatment, and Recovery](#)

Thurs., June 25, 2020, 2-3:00 p.m., EDT, Register [here](#).

SAMHSA invites you to join national experts who will highlight current research and describe best practices and promising strategies for supporting Black men with mental illness, substance use disorder (SUD), and in their recovery efforts.

Grants and Funding Opportunities

[The Title X Family Services Program Grant Awards](#)

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) is [accepting grant applications](#) for the Title X Family Services program and evaluation research related to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program. The intent of the grant awards is to expand voluntary family planning services in areas that are currently unserved and/or underserved by the Title X network.

[Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education](#)

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-TS-1821 Funds are available under the [Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education \(CSRAE\)](#) Program. The goals of CSRAE are to empower participants to make healthy decisions, and provide tools and resources to prevent pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and youth engagement in other risky behaviors. **Closing date: July 2, 2020.**

Grants and Loans from USDA Supporting Rural Communities

Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities and services in rural areas. Examples of essential facilities include Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities. [Program Fact Sheet](#) Status – Open/accepting applications.

Rural Community Development Initiative Grants (RCDI)

Grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas. Currently Open: [Fact Sheet](#)

Rural Development Single Family Direct Housing loans

This program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain decent, safe, and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability. [Fact Sheet](#) **Currently Open.**

USDA Rural Business Development Grants

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application. Uses may include: Distance adult learning for job training and advancement, Rural transportation improvement, Community economic development, and Technology-based economic development. **Currently Open.**

Previously mentioned (please refer to our former Weekly's for more prior funding notices)

Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (Fatherhood FIRE)

HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZJ-1846 - Fatherhood FIRE will support projects designed for adult fathers who are age 18 and older. Fathers will include those in the general population (or "community fathers"), as well as fathers who are currently incarcerated and are returning, or have returned, to their families and communities following incarceration. **Closing date: July 1, 2020.**

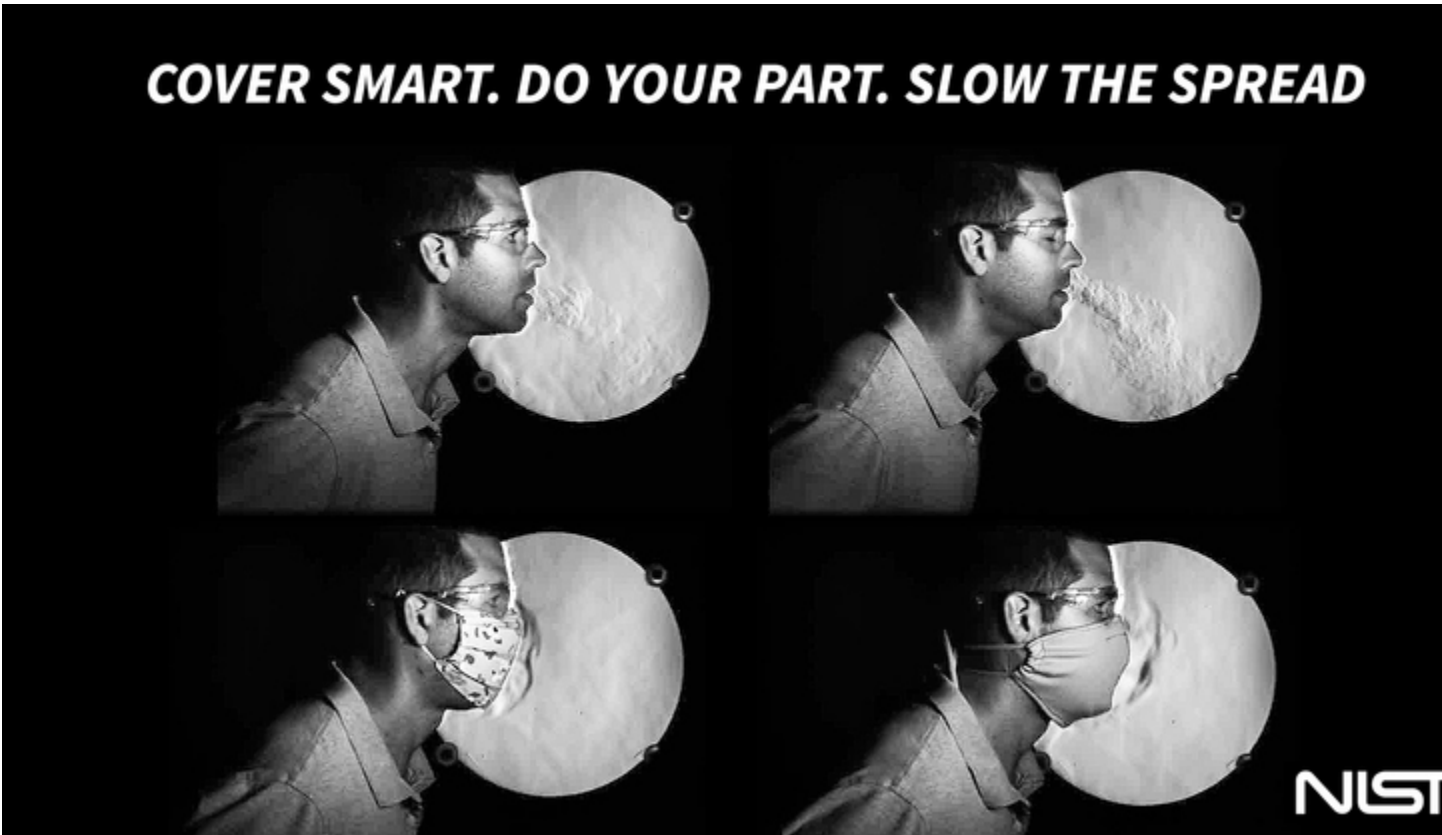
Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life (READY4Life)

HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZD-1838 - The READY4Life grants will be targeted exclusively to youth, for projects designed to support healthy relationships and marriage, including the value of marriage in future family formation and skills-based healthy relationship and marriage education. Additionally, grants will support activities including parenting (for young fathers and mothers, as applicable), financial management, job and career advancement, and other activities. **Closing date: July 1, 2020.**

Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults (FRAMEWorks)

HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZB-1817 - The FRAMEWorks Program will fund projects designed for adult individuals or adult couples. Projects include curriculum-based skills development and services; marriage and relationship education/skills (MRES); pre-marital education; marriage enhancement; divorce reduction activities; marriage mentoring; public advertising campaigns; and activities to reduce the disincentives to marriage. Applicants will be encouraged to also include services to promote employment and job and career advancement. **Closing date: July 1, 2020.**

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Cover smart! Do your part. Slow the spread.



CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/15/20

CMS hosts varied recurring stakeholder engagement sessions to share information related to the agency's response to COVID-19. These sessions are open to members of the healthcare community and are intended to provide updates, share best practices among peers, and offer attendees an opportunity to ask questions of CMS and other subject matter experts.

Call details are below. Conference lines are limited so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and professional networks. These calls are not intended for the press.

Calls recordings and transcripts are posted on the CMS podcast page at: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts>

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls (Tuesdays at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern)

Office Hour Calls provide an opportunity for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS's temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
- Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
- Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
- Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

This week's *Office Hours*:

Tuesday, June 16th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 4527348

Audio Webcast link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=0f1c68b2-53484199-0f1c598d-0cc47a6d17cc-9ef47bc980d77f7f&u=https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=5b097cf5-075d6589-5b094dca-0cc47adc5fa2-a36963157ab9f1a5&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2176>

Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19 (Fridays at 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern)

Lessons from the Front Lines calls are a joint effort between CMS Administrator Seema Verma, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians are invited to share their experience, ideas, strategies, and insights with one another related to their COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters.

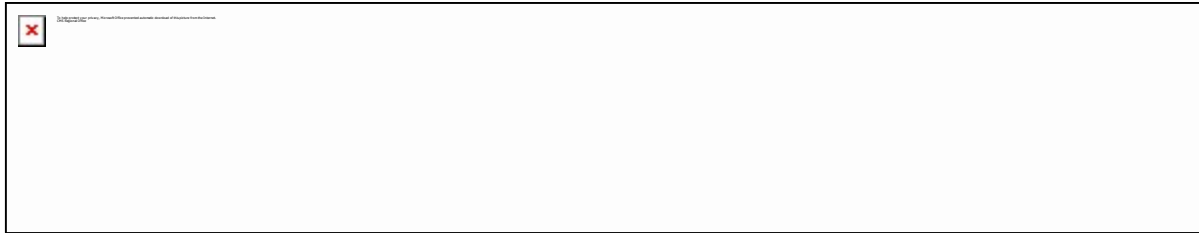
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To keep up with the important work the White House Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19 click here: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=36fa2226-6aae0b0d-36fa1319-0cc47a6d17cc-2d06c219f858d641&u=http://www.coronavirus.gov/>. For information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).



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In case you missed it, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted the second set of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) nursing home data today available here:

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/bkwz-xpvg>

The data will be updated weekly going forward; for more information on nursing homes, including a link to the COVID-19 nursing home data, visit [Nursing Home Compare](#).

CMS also released additional frequently asked questions on the nursing home COVID-19 data available here: <https://data.cms.gov/api/views/b62a-ieuz/files/e883f38f-77da-4f58-975f-390b858ccf9f?filename=NH%20COVID-19%20data%20FAQ%206-18-2020.pdf>

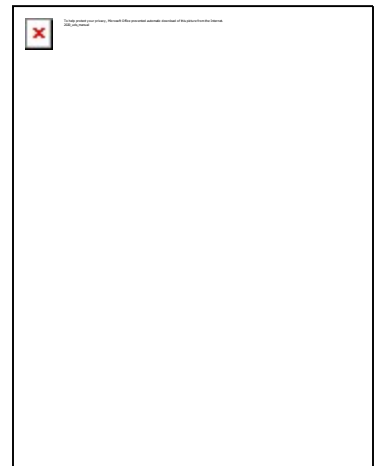


2020 Uniform Data System Manual Now Available

The [2020 Uniform Data System \(UDS\) Manual](#) provides health centers with detailed reporting instructions to support calendar year 2020 UDS reports and each of the required data tables related to patients, operations, and clinical performance. 2020 UDS data reporting will take place between January 1, and February 15, 2021.

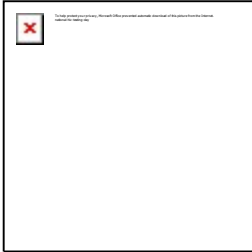
Key reporting changes include:

- Addition of HIV screening measure (CMS349v2);
- Addition of prescription for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) International Classification of Diseases (ICD) 10 codes and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes; and



- Revision of Appendix D to capture information on prescription drug monitoring programs (PDMPs) and social determinants of health.

Given the historical impact of COVID-19, additional reporting changes, include COVID-19 ICD-10 and CPT clinical codes, as well as codes for acute respiratory illness due to COVID-19.



Knowing that Together We Can End the HIV Epidemic

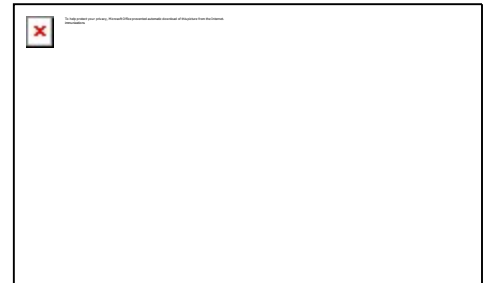
National HIV Testing Day is Saturday, June 27, and this year’s theme is “Knowing.” For health centers, that means keeping patients in-the-know about HIV testing, as well as prevention and treatment options. [Get resources to help promote National HIV Testing Day.](#)

[See our bulletin about supplementing HIV prevention efforts](#) with self-testing during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the FDA released a [fact sheet about the OraQuick In-Home test.](#)

Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused health care providers to change operations. Ensuring that immunization services are maintained or reinitiated is essential for protecting individuals and communities from vaccine-preventable diseases and outbreaks and reducing the burden of respiratory illness during the upcoming influenza season.

The CDC’s recently released [“Interim Guidance for Immunization Services During the COVID-19 Pandemic”](#) can help your health center plan for safe vaccine administration during the COVID-19 pandemic. CDC will continue updating this guidance as the pandemic evolves.



Highlights include:

- Considerations for routine delivery of all recommended vaccinations for children, adolescents, and adults, including pregnant women.
- General practices for the safe delivery of vaccination services, including considerations for alternative vaccination sites.
- Strategies for catch up vaccinations.

Health centers play a critical role in protecting the most vulnerable patients from vaccine-preventable diseases. We encourage you to take every opportunity to educate both parents and patients. Research shows the strongest predictor of whether a patient gets vaccinated is a recommendation from their health care professional.



Jump To: [COVID-19](#) | [Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health](#) | [HIV](#) | [Workforce](#) | [Men's Health Month](#) | [Additional Resources](#)

What's New

New Fiscal Year 2020 Cooperative Agreements and Training and Technical Assistance for Health Centers

Last week, HRSA announced the new fiscal year (FY) 2020 awards to [Primary Care Associations \(PCAs\)](#) and [National Training and Technical Assistance Partners \(NTTAPs\)](#)* to support and expand training and technical assistance (T/TA) for health centers. (*These were formerly called National Cooperative Agreements or NCAs.)

Technical Assistance & Training



[Visit the training calendar to learn details about or register for events.](#)

Through June 23

As a part of these awards, PCAs serving the [seven states](#) identified in Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America as having a high rural HIV burden received funds to enhance T/TA activities to support health centers' HIV prevention efforts in their states. All PCAs received workforce funding to enhance workforce T/TA activities to support the Health Professions Education and Training initiative at health centers in the PCA's state/region.

HRSA also funded one new type of NTTAP, intimate partner violence, which was awarded to Futures Without Violence.

The following are TA sessions for NTTAP and PCA awardees:

New Project Period Webinar for NTTAP Awardees

Thursday, July 2

1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

[Join the day of the session](#)

Call-in: 800-779-5383

Passcode: 4213046

View the [TA webpage for NTTAP awardees](#).

PCA New Project Period Kick-off Call

Thursday, July 16

2:00-3:30 p.m. ET

We will email connection information to participants.

View the [TA webpage for PCA awardees](#).

Did you miss it?

Last week, [HRSA also awarded \\$8 million to PCAs and NTTAPs](#) to provide critical support and expertise to advance health centers' ability to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit the [Strategic Partners webpage](#) to request T/TA for your health center.

Federal Tort Claims Act Health Center Program Updates and Important Reminders

Applications for medical malpractice coverage under the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) are open in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs). All health center and volunteer health professional redeeming applications for FTCA coverage for calendar year 2021 are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, July 13.

As a reminder, HRSA-funded health centers must register with the [National Practitioner Data Bank \(NPDB\)](#). In order to query or report to the NPDB, a health center must first apply to access NPDB information.

HRSA guidance for both new applications (deeming) and renewal of existing coverage (redeeming) for health center staff is available in [Program Assistance Letter \(PAL\) 2020-02](#). Details about coverage for health center volunteer health professionals are available in [PAL 2020-03](#). The HRSA website has more details about the [application process](#), including a recorded webinar.

Need application assistance? [Contact Health Center Program Support online](#) or by phone: 877-464-4772, option 1.

Health Information Technology, Evaluation, and Quality (HITEQ) Center Highlights: Using the EHR for Routine HIV Screening

Hosted by HITEQ, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Tuesday, June 16

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

HRSA Fiscal and Grants Management Best Practices for Health Centers

Wednesday, June 17

12:30-1:30 p.m. ET

[Join the day of the session](#)

Call-in: 888-566-7701

Passcode: 9747226

OR

Tuesday, June 23

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Join the day of the session](#)

Call-in: 888-628-9525

Passcode: 9747226

[Submit a question ahead of time.](#)

Returning to Primary Care: Diabetes Care During a Public Health Crisis

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP

Part 2:

Wednesday, June 17

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Part 3:

Wednesday, June 24

1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Leadership Office Hour – Reflections on Alternative Scenarios for Community Health Centers to Move Beyond COVID-19

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Wednesday, June 17

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

A Year On: Revisiting PrEP for HIV Prevention

Hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Wednesday, June 17

2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

[Register here](#)

Less than One Month Left

Health centers that have Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition by Wednesday, July 1, 2020, may be eligible to receive the 2020 Health Center PCMH Recognition Quality Award. [View the table of health centers with valid PCMH recognition status and the number of sites with PCMH recognition.](#) If your health center serves multiple states, please be certain to check the number of sites for EACH state to calculate the total number of PCMH-recognized sites in HRSA's EHBs.



- If your health center's PCMH recognition is accurate, no action is needed.
- If it is inaccurate, please **submit an update to your PCMH recognition information via the EHBs no later than Sunday, July 5.** [View instructions for submitting an update,](#) including the acceptable forms of required documentation.

If you have questions, please [contact us](#). To make sure you receive our reply email, add 'BPHCAAnswers@hrsa.gov' to your address book.

Precision Medicine: All of Us Research Program Beta-Test New Data Platform

As an important step in the effort to accelerate new scientific discoveries, the All of Us Research Program at the National Institutes of Health has [launched beta-testing for its Researcher Workbench](#). Investigators can now begin using the initial dataset and tools in studies and submit feedback to improve the platform. [This early version of Researcher Workbench](#) includes data from nearly 225,000 of the program's first participants. 80% of All of Us participants are from groups that have been historically underrepresented in biomedical research. All of Us is a key partner in HRSA's Advancing Precision Medicine Initiative.

COVID-19

Frequently Asked Questions

Today we updated our [COVID-19 FAQ webpage](#) adding:

- *What are the CMS emergency preparedness requirements for health centers?*
- *What CMS flexibilities are available to health centers that open temporary sites due to the COVID-19 public health emergency?*
- *May health centers contribute COVID-19 testing data to sentinel surveillance systems?*

We also continually update our [page for coronavirus-related funding FAQs](#). The resources and links on our [COVID-19 Information for Health Centers and Partners webpage](#) now include links to Provider Relief Fund FAQs/resources and to recent Today with Macrae sessions.

CMS Guidance for Patients Considering In-Person, Non-Emergency Treatment

CMS released a [guide for patients considering in-person, non-emergency treatment](#). Many health care systems and patients have postponed non-emergency, in-person care during the pandemic. CMS provides these

Workforce Grand Rounds: Combating Healthcare Provider Burnout in Clinical Settings

Wednesday, June 17
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

General Considerations Under Federal Law/FQHC Payment Protections

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP Part of the Accountable Care Academy
Wednesday, June 17
3:00-4:00 p.m. ET
[Visit NACHC's site for registration information](#)

Forward Together: A Virtual Symposium on Improving Access to Effective Care for People Experiencing Homelessness, Serious Mental Illness, and Substance Use Disorders

Hosted by SAMHSA's Homeless and Housing Resource Network
Thursday, June 18
10:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)
****CME Available****

Using Data to Identify Workforce Training and TA Needs

Part of the STAR² Center's Primary Care Association/Health Center Controlled Network's Workforce Professional Development Series
Thursday, June 18
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Testing for COVID-19 in Homeless Shelters & Encampments: Discussing CDC's New Health Department Guidance & the National Health Care for the Homeless Council's Newest Issue Brief

Hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Friday, June 19
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Virtual COVID-19 Conference: Opening Plenary Session

Hosted by Northwest Regional PCA
Friday, June 19
3:00-4:30 p.m. ET
[Register here for the opening plenary](#)

UDS Mapper Advanced Topics: Using the UDS Mapper for Service Area Mapping

recommendations to ensure that non-emergency health care resumes safely (encouraging telehealth for patients with high COVID-19 risk) and that patients are receiving needed in-person treatment that may have been postponed due to the public health emergency.

CDC Guidance on Telehealth During and Beyond COVID-19

[CDC's guidance](#) provides considerations for using telehealth services to provide virtual care during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. Health centers are specifically mentioned in the "Safeguards for Telehealth Services" section.

HRSA Fiscal and Grants Management Best Practices for Health Centers

BPHC and HRSA's Office of Federal Assistance Management (OFAM) will host two sessions of a webinar highlighting key fiscal aspects to provide health centers with strategies to ensure compliance and properly manage all HRSA funding including each of your HRSA health center COVID-19 awards (H8C, H8D and H8E).

OFAM speakers will share best practices for managing your portfolio of HRSA funding and guidance on how to ensure all costs are allowable and support each respective grant and will discuss these key items:

- Examples of adequate supporting documentation for allowable costs under the health center and fiscal year 2020 COVID-19 awards.
- Budget and fiscal requirement reminders.
- Financial management system best practices (e.g., separation of funding by source, internal controls, etc.).

Both sessions will cover the same information and will end with a question and answer session. [Submit a question ahead of time.](#)

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COVID-19 Survey and User Guide

As a reminder, the survey you received on Friday, June 12, is due by 11:59 p.m. ET today. We recently created a [User Guide](#) to assist you in completing the survey. [See the bulletin](#) we sent last Friday discussing the survey link.

THANK YOU to the health centers and look-alikes that complete these weekly surveys! You're helping us track health center capacity and COVID-19's impact

Monday, June 22
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Taking Care of the Compassionate Care Team: Conversations about Moral Distress and Moral Injury

Hosted by NACHC, with funding from SAMHSA
Tuesday, June 23
Noon-1:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Manager Training for Employee Engagement

Hosted by the STAR² Center (part of The Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, a HRSA-funded NTTAP)

Part 1:
Tuesday, June 23
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

Part 2:
Tuesday, June 30
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Upcoming

Partnership Opportunities for Health Centers, EnVision Centers, and Public Housing Agencies

Hosted by the National Center for Health in Public Housing, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Wednesday, June 24
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Rejuvenate Consumer Leadership: Lessons from the Updated Consumer Advisory Board Manual

Hosted by the National Health Care for the Homeless Council, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Wednesday, June 24
3:00-4:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)

Reimagining Care: Reimagining Care: Reducing Talent Burnout & Increasing Workforce Resiliency

Hosted by NACHC, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Thursday, June 25
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET
[Visit NACHC's website to register or view past recordings](#)

on health center operations, patients, and staff. The survey results give us a better understanding of training and technical assistance, funding, and other health center resource needs.

Reimagining Care: Reducing Talent Burnout & Increasing Workforce Resiliency

The "Reimagining Care" series from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), a HRSA-funded NTTAP, focuses on how health centers will continue to lead the primary health care industry through flexibility and innovation in a post-COVID-19 world.

The next session will offer guidance on reducing burnout in a time of increasing stress. Subject matter experts will provide promising practices with "real world" perspectives, guiding tips, and resources to help meet the current and future demands of delivery of care.

Thursday, June 25
1:00-2:00 p.m. ET

[Visit NACHC's website to register or view past recordings](#)

Additional "Reimagining Care" sessions are planned for 1:00 p.m. ET on July 9, July 23, and August 6.



Many federal organizations, HRSA-funded NTTAPs, and other partners are holding COVID-19-related webinars. Our [Technical Assistance Calendar](#) lists more of them and includes descriptions and registration information.

Resources

- COVID-19 data from [HRSA-funded health centers](#) and [look-alikes](#)
- [COVID-19 Workforce Virtual Toolkit: Resources for Healthcare Decision-Makers Responding to COVID-19 Workforce Concerns](#)
- [HRSA Coronavirus webpage](#)
- [HHS Coronavirus Updates webpage](#)
- [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse](#)

Strategies to Manage Financial Operations During COVID-19 Response and Recovery

NACHC is producing a [five-part podcast series](#) to help health centers manage their fiscal solvency during COVID-19 response and recovery. Podcast topics include managing your health center's cash flow, paycheck protection, the Provider Relief Fund, grants management, and staffing. The first three sessions are available now:

- Podcast 1: Staffing Considerations
- Podcast 2: Provider Relief Fund, CARES Act, Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

Additional sessions are planned for 1:00 p.m. ET on July 9, July 23, and August 6.

Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates

Monday, June 29
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
Access details coming soon

New Project Period Webinar for NTTAP Awardees

Thursday, July 2
1:00-2:30 p.m. ET
[Join the day of the session](#)
Call-in: 800-779-5383
Passcode: 4213046

Dental Sealants in the COVID-19 World

Hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access, a HRSA-funded NTTAP
Monday, July 6
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
[Register here](#)
****1.0 CDE available****

PCA New Project Period Kick-Off Call

Thursday, July 16
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET
HRSA will email connection information to participants.

Webinars are hosted by HRSA unless otherwise noted.

- JUST ADDED: Podcast 3: Funding Streams and the SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan
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NIH Research Opportunity: Digital Intervention During COVID-19

[NIH supports digital health intervention research](#) seeking to improve how we identify, treat, or provide services for health conditions secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic for NIH-designated health disparity populations and those with medical or social vulnerabilities (e.g., residents of chronic care facilities, community-dwelling older adults, pregnant women, homeless, incarcerated, health care staff on the front lines of pandemic, and workers in essential business operations).

Get My Payment Tool

The IRS launched the Get My Payment tool on April 17. This tool will provide you the status of your payment, including the date it is scheduled to be deposited into your bank account or mailed to you. [Get additional information on the Economic Stimulus Payment.](#)



Substance Use Disorder & Mental Health

Join a Community of Practice to Help Your Health Center Develop a Safe and Effective Opioid Prescribing Strategy

Does your health center have a sound strategy for assessing and treating people with chronic pain who are at risk for opioid use disorder and substance use disorder (SUD)? Participants will develop skills to create an infrastructure to support the expansion of alternatives to pain management within your health center.

To apply, please create an account on [the HRSA Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Technical Assistance's website](#).

Webinar Recording Available: HIV PrEP for Patients with SUD

The HRSA-funded National Clinician Consultation Center recently held a webinar to help health centers overcome pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) implementation challenges, assess PrEP eligibility, and identify strategies for addressing side effect and adherence concerns. Speakers covered:

- National trends of PrEP use among different populations at risk for HIV, including persons with SUD.
- Recent updates on new PrEP medications and dosing strategies, and unique considerations that may arise when counseling persons with SUD.
- Strategies for health centers to increase PrEP education, initiation, and persistence.

[View the webinar recording and resources.](#)

Notice of Funding Opportunity for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning

HRSA will make approximately 50 awards of \$200,000 each to rural communities to enhance capacity to address SUD, including opioid use disorder. Over the course of an 18-month period of performance, grant recipients will conduct a series of planning activities, engage multi-sector consortiums, and participate in the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Planning learning collaborative. Applicant organizations may be located in an urban or rural areas; however, all activities supported by this program must exclusively target HRSA-designated rural areas (per the [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#)). [Learn more or apply by Monday, July 13.](#)

HIV

Ready, Set, PrEP Updates

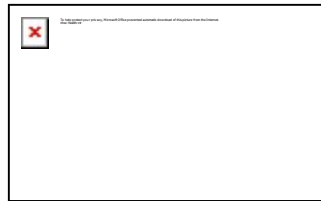
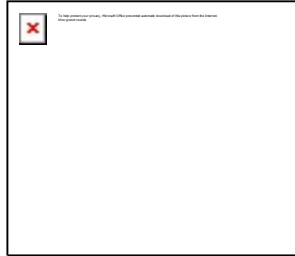
In light of the ongoing COVID-19 response, HHS is adapting the Ready, Set, PrEP program to help ensure patient retention in ongoing PrEP care and adherence to PrEP HIV prevention medications, and to reduce the burden on the nation's health care providers and health care systems. This includes special override requests for 90-day fills in some cases and automatic extensions of eligibility. [Read the full announcement.](#)

Workforce

TOMORROW: Latest Tools to Combat Health Care Provider Burnout in Clinical Settings

[Workforce Grand Rounds Webinar Series: Combating Healthcare Provider Burnout in Clinical Settings.](#) BHW's Deputy Associate Administrator, Dr. Torey Mack, providing a federal perspective.

Wednesday, June 17
2:00-3:30 p.m. ET



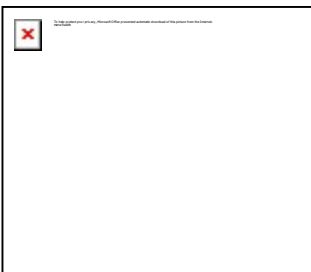
National Health Service Corps New Site Application Open

Health care facilities can now apply to be approved as a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site. Eligible locations include health care sites that provide outpatient, ambulatory and primary health care services (medical, dental, and behavioral health) to populations residing in high-need urban and rural areas. Additional eligible site types include facilities providing general SUD treatment, a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program, or an opioid treatment program. Applications are due Tuesday, July 21. [Learn more about the NHSC new site application.](#)

Men's Health Month

June is [Men's Health Month](#). Did you know that men make up 75% of patients waiting for a heart transplant, and about 60% of those waiting for a kidney or liver transplant? Although over half of deceased donors in 2019 were men, more organs are needed to meet the demand, especially since female organs are often too small for larger men (and women) in need of transplants. Celebrate Men's Health Month by encouraging all men to sign up as organ, eye, and tissue donors at

<https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=46c250fb-1a964987-46c261c4-0cc47adc5fa2-bb8cc73ae31a21c9&u=http://www.organdonor.gov/> or <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=2b069068-77528914-2b06a157-0cc47adc5fa2-24e78f7e7ead8b73&u=http://www.donaciondeorganos.gov/>.



Additional Resources

Webinar Series: Accountable Care Academy

NACHC's Accountable Care Academy focuses on the fundamental considerations for risk-based contracts and how to prepare health centers for participation in arrangements with risk. [Visit NACHC's website for more information or to register for sessions](#) (find this series under "Upcoming Operations Management Webinars.")

In case you missed it: [Visit the Primary Health Care Digest archive.](#)

Do you forward the Digest to others? Encourage them to [subscribe](#).

June 18, 2020

What's New

[New Funding Opportunity: Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome \(RCORP-NAS\) – July 20.](#) The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) will be making a \$15 million investment, over three years, for approximately 30 grants to reduce the incidence and impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). Over a three-year project period, grant recipients will conduct a combination of prevention, treatment, and recovery activities to improve systems of care, family supports, and social determinants of health. While the focus of RCORP-NAS is primarily opioid use disorder (OUD), applicants may also choose to address additional substances of concern or substance use disorders (SUDs) among pregnant women, mothers, and women of childbearing age who have a history of, or who are at risk for, SUD/OUD and their children, families, and caregivers who reside in rural areas. Applicant organizations may be located in an urban or rural area; however, all activities supported by the program must exclusively occur in [HRSA-designated rural areas](#). See the Events section below for an upcoming webinar for applicants.

[The Hidden Pandemic Behind COVID-19.](#) Cases of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual exploitation in the time of COVID-19 appear to have risen in emergency rooms and health clinics across the country since March. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has published a 4-page document entitled [Intimate Partner Violence and Child Abuse Considerations During COVID-19](#) with hyperlinks to relevant SAMHSA and non-SAMHSA resources. If you would like to view the HRSA webinar on this subject, access the recording by [registering with this link](#). This will redirect you to the recording where you can watch the full session and download the slide presentation and resources shared. For audio replay, please use the line 866-360-7719, with passcode 52020.

[HRSA on Child Poverty and Mental Health.](#) A new study published in the *Journal of Children and Poverty* finds an association between family economic hardship and child mental health conditions. Researchers at the Health Resources and

Services Administration (HRSA) based the study on data from the 2016 and 2017 National Surveys of Children’s Health, which is a nationally representative survey of U.S. Children ages 0 to 17.

[#WellChildWednesdays @HRSAgov](#). Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention assessed [the impact of the pandemic on pediatric vaccinations](#) and found a noticeable decline beginning in the week after the national emergency declaration. To help remind parents and caregivers of the need to protect children from preventable disease such as measles, the [Maternal and Child Health Bureau](#) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will be releasing social media messages with the hashtag [#WellChildWednesdays](#). Message will address well visits, immunizations, adolescent and young adult care, and nutrition, safety, and mental health as topics to be discussed with pediatric providers.

[CDC: Trends in Occupational Lung Diseases](#). In its *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) examined deaths due to pneumoconiosis – preventable occupational lung disease caused by inhaling dust particles such as coal or mineral dust. From 1968 to 2000, death rates for all pneumoconioses decreased, though preventable deaths continue to occur.

[Federal Office of Rural Health Policy FAQs for COVID-19](#). A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from our grantees and stakeholders, updated regularly.

[COVID-19 FAQs and Funding for HRSA Programs](#). Find all funding and frequently asked questions for programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

[CDC COVID-19 Updates](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides daily updates and guidance, and ongoing [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\)](#).

[Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties](#). The RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis provides up-to-date data and maps on rural and urban confirmed cases throughout the United States. [An animated map shows the progression of cases beginning January 21](#).

[Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#). The Rural Health Information Hub has created a guide to help you learn about activities underway to address COVID-19.

Funding and Opportunities

Please note that many deadlines for Federal funding opportunities have been extended. See [Approaching Deadlines](#) section below.

[IHS Tribal Forensic Healthcare Training – Ongoing](#). The Indian Health Service (IHS) provides clinical training courses, live and online, related to the identification, collection, and preservation of medical forensic evidence obtained during the treatment of victims of sexual and domestic violence. Participants may be medical professionals in hospitals, health clinics, and health stations within the Indian health system.

[USDA Technical Assistance for Healthy Food Financing Initiative – Ongoing](#). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides technical assistance for early stage healthy food access projects in underserved areas with a focus on management, financial health, and operations. Eligible applicants include public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

[USDA Rural Business Development Grants – Ongoing](#). The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides grants for projects that benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Eligible applicants are rural public and private, nonprofit entities including institutions of higher education and Federally-recognized tribes.

Rural Health Research

Research in this section is provided by the HRSA/FORHP-supported Rural Health Research Gateway. [Sign up to receive alerts](#) when new publications become available.

Major Depression, Treatment Receipt, and Treatment Sources Among Non-Metropolitan and Metropolitan Adults.

Major depression remains a relatively common health problem, but little is known about the prevalence of major depression and its treatment in non-metropolitan areas as compared to metropolitan areas . Using 2017 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health researchers at the Rural and Underserved Research Center estimated and compared between non-metropolitan and metropolitan adults the prevalence of depression, receipt of treatment for depression, and sources of treatment for depression.

Policy Updates

Visit the [FORHP Policy page](#) to see all recent updates and send questions to ruralpolicy@hrsa.gov.

Accepting Applications: CMS Direct Contracting Professional and Global Options – July 6. On June 4, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that they are accepting applications for the Performance Year 1 cohort of the [Direct Contracting Professional and Global Options](#). Direct Contracting is intended to test whether the risk-based payment strategies available under the model align financial incentives and offer model participants (Direct Contracting Entities or DCEs). Each DCE must contract with Direct Contracting Participant Providers, which may include, but are not limited to, physicians or other practitioners in group practice arrangements, networks of individual practices of physicians or other practitioners, hospitals employing physicians or other practitioners, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs). Applications for Performance Year 1 are due by July 6, 2020 for a start date of April 1, 2021.

CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Distribution Summary. HHS recently published a one-page summary document providing general information on the different Provider Relief Fund distributions. This includes a timeline of funding along with information on eligibility and formulas used to make distributions.

New Medicare Waivers to Address COVID-19. On June 12, CMS added a new item to its list of emergency declaration waivers that provide the health care community with the flexibilities needed to care for patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency. In the latest update, CMS is waiving the July 1 submission deadline for new Medicare GME affiliation agreements and the June 30 deadline for amendments of existing Medicare GME affiliation agreements (page 9). For information on rural graduate medical education more broadly, HRSA-funded resources are available from RuralGME.org.

MedPAC Releases June 2020 Report. On June 15, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its June 2020 Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System. Each June, as part of its mandate from the Congress, MedPAC reports on issues affecting the Medicare program as well as broader changes in health care delivery and the market for health care services. Chapter 7 on Medicare's end-stage renal disease prospective payment system discusses rural payment adjustments.

MACPAC Releases June 2020 Report. The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) recently released its June 2020 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, which contains six chapters addressing some fundamental challenges facing Medicaid: improving integration of care for low-income people age 65 and older, and people with disabilities who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare; ensuring that Medicaid is the payer of last resort when its beneficiaries also have coverage from another insurance program; and addressing concerns about high rates of maternal morbidity and mortality. Rural considerations feature prominently in Chapter 5 on maternal health.

MACPAC Publishes Telehealth Guide. In addition to the June 2020 report, MACPAC also recently published a catalog providing high level, state-specific information on telehealth policy changes during the COVID-19 pandemic pertaining to services and specialties, providers, modalities, originating site and licensure rules, and payment.

Learning Events and Technical Assistance

Tackling Child Poverty in the Wake of COVID-19 – Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 pm ET. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host experts in a discussion about policies and programs to reduce child poverty.

[NCSL: Maintaining Child Vaccination Rates During Pandemic](#) – Monday, June 22 at 2:00 pm ET. The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is holding an hour-long session on actions states are taking to reverse the trend of decreased immunization.

[Application Assistance for RCORP-Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Funding](#) – Tuesday, June 23 at 2:00 pm ET. The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy will hold a webinar for applicants to the [Rural Community Opioid Response Program \(RCORP\) – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome](#) funding opportunity. **Call-In Number:** 1-888-282-8361; Participant Code: 2652580. A recording will be made available for those who cannot attend. **Playback Number:** 1-800-388-9075; Passcode: 62320.

[ONDCP Launches Rural Community Toolbox](#) – Wednesday, June 24 at 3:00 pm ET. The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is a component of the Executive Office of the President working to reduce drug use. In this hour-long webinar, they will introduce the Rural Community Toolbox website, an online clearinghouse for federal funding and resources.

[AAFP COVID-19 CME Webinar Series](#) – Wednesday, June 24 at 8:00 pm ET. In an hour-long webinar, The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) will cover clinical topics and perspectives for COVID-19.

[HRSA Webinar for Clinical Leaders](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 pm ET. Dr. Luis Padilla, Associate Administrator of HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce invites clinical leaders to the *Leading in Uncertain Times* webinar, a peer-to-peer forum for clinical leaders in rural and underserved communities. The hour-long discussion will cover issues related to telehealth, student training staffing models, and provider wellness.

[Culturally Affirming Approaches for Black Men in Recovery](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 pm ET. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will hold a 90-minute online session highlighting current research and best practices for supporting Black men in recovery.

[RWJF on Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Black Communities](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 pm ET. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings will explore existing disparities and discuss how communities can begin to address them.

[Indian Child Welfare: Responses to COVID-19](#) – Tuesday, June 30 at 2:00 pm ET. During an hour-long webinar, the National Indian Child Welfare Association will host experts to discuss implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act during the pandemic and impacts to state agencies.

Resources of the Week

[AHA Case Study: Managing COVID-19 in a Rural Community](#). The American Hospital Association (AHA) provides details on how St. James Parish Hospital in Litcher, Louisiana worked with local government and community partners to prepare for COVID-19.

[The Future of Rural Value-Based Care and Surge Capacity](#). A short brief from [the Rural Health Value Team](#) examines the conflict between the long-term transition to value-based care and the immediate needs brought by the pandemic.

Approaching Deadlines

[DOL National Emergency Grants for Dislocated Workers](#) – Ongoing

[FEMA Public Assistance Program: COVID-19 Response](#) – Ongoing

[Small Business Administration Coronavirus Relief Programs](#) – Ongoing

[Payment Deferrals: USDA Guaranteed Loans for Rural Development](#) – Until September 30

[USDA Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network](#) – June 23

[DHS Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project](#) – June 24

[IHS/NIH Native American Research Centers for Health](#) – Letters of Intent June 24

[HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program](#) – June 25

[ACL Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) – June 26

[Dept. of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions](#) – June 26

[Nominations for Community Preventive Services Task Force](#) – June 26

[CDC Strategies to Maintain HIV Viral Suppression Among Released State Prison Inmates](#) – June 29

[USDA Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program](#) – June 29

[ACF Community Services Block Grant – Waste/Wastewater Technical Assistance](#) – June 30

[DOL Mine Health and Safety Grants](#) – June 30

[EPA State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program](#) – June 30

[HRSA Rural Residency Planning and Development \(RRPD\) Program](#) – June 30

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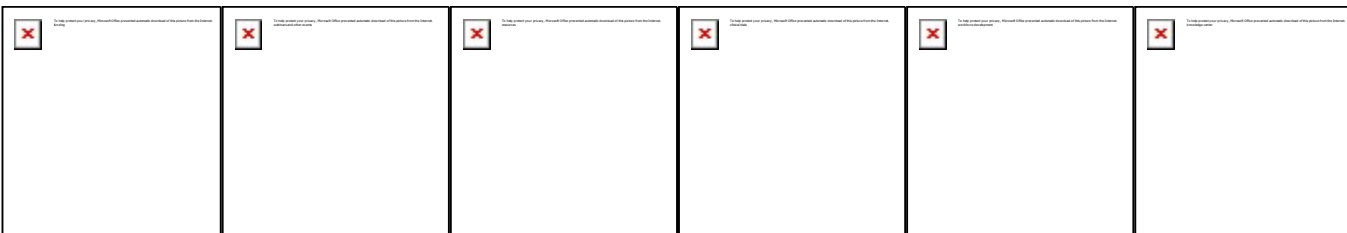
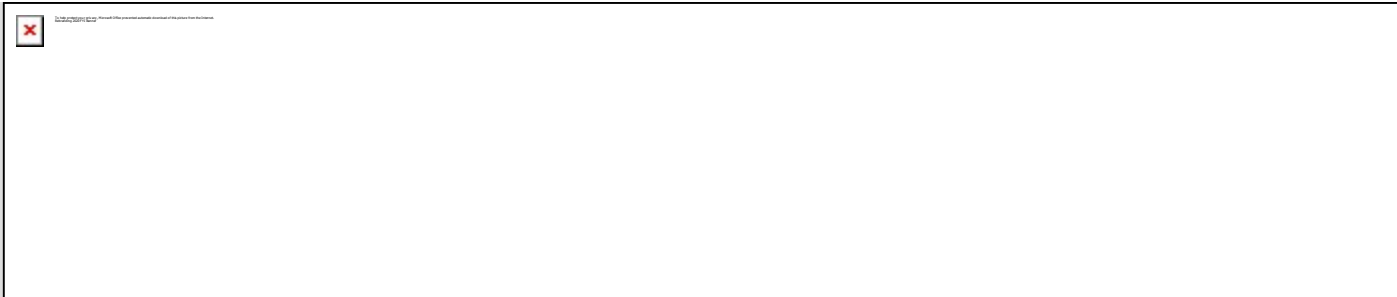
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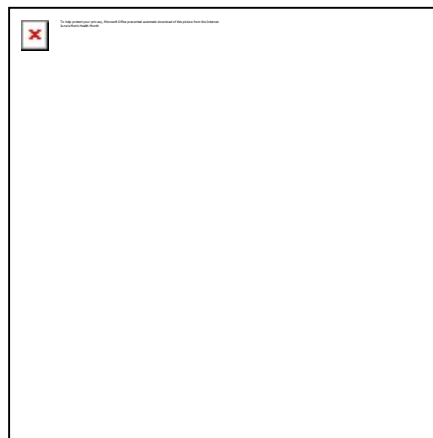
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June is Men's Health Month

The **HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH)** recognizes **June** as *Men's Health Month*, a national observance used to raise awareness about health care for men and focus on encouraging boys to practice and implement healthy living decisions. Join OMH in observing [Men's Health Week \(June 15-21\)](#) to promote regular doctor visits and early treatment. As part of Men's Health Week, [Wear Blue Day](#) will be celebrated on **June 19** to help spread the word about the importance of disease prevention, early detection and pursuing treatment after a diagnosis. For Men's Health Month resources and materials, visit the [OMH website](#).



June 19 is World Sickle Cell Day

HHS and the **Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA)** recognize **June 19** as *World Sickle Cell Day*. This international awareness day is observed annually with the goal to increase public knowledge and an understanding of sickle cell disease (SCD). To learn more about the disease, please visit the HHS OMH [SCD website](#) for resources, webinars, testimonies, downloadable graphics and more.



You can find further information and resources via the [SCDAA](#), the [Sickle Cell Society](#) and the [Sickle Cell Disease Coalition](#).



Funding

2020-2021 Research Grants

The National Institute for Health Care

Management supports health services research that improves equity, access to care, efficiency, quality or preparedness within the U.S. health care system.

Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is June 29.

[Learn More](#)

Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Grant

The **Sigma Foundation for Nursing** and the **American Nurses Credentialing Center** support nurse-led projects within a clinical setting that apply evidence to practice and evaluate the effects on patient outcomes.

Deadline is July 1.

[Learn More](#)

Emergency Awards: SARS-CoV-2 Serological Sciences

The **NIH** will establish Serological Sciences Centers of Excellence and support research to characterize the immune responses elicited by SARS-CoV-2, the viral infection that causes COVID-19.

Deadline is July 22.

[Research Projects](#)

[Centers of Excellence](#)

Innovations in Newborn Screening Interoperability

The **HHS Health Resources and Services**

Administration (HRSA) funds entities that provide technical assistance, training and education in data interoperability to state newborn screening programs.

Deadline is July 1.

[Learn More](#)

Building Population Health Research Capacity in the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands

The **HHS National Institutes of Health (NIH)** supports population health research in Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Micronesia, the Marshall Islands and Palau.

Deadline is July 15.

[Learn More](#)

Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations

The **NIH** supports research on community interventions, local and state policies, and programs focused on the prevention (or slowing) of COVID-19 transmission.

Deadline is December 15, 5:00 pm ET.

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Webinars and Other Events

Tribal Health Research Agenda: Governance, Trust, and Culture

The **National Native Health Research Training Initiative** webinar series will address the development of research methods consistent with American Indian/Alaska Native culture when evaluating and improving health care systems.
TODAY, June 17, 2:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Control and Prevention Strategies in Epidemics

The **New England Public Health Training Center** webinar will discuss nonpharmaceutical interventions, vaccination and case management tools that influence the course and outcome of pandemics such as Ebola and COVID-19.
June 22, 2:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Leveraging Data to Address Sickle Cell Disease

The **HHS Office of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**, the **HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH)** and the **Center for Open Data Enterprise** webinar will identify data resources, gaps and strategies to promote applications that can help policymakers, healthcare providers and other stakeholders improve care and quality of life for individuals with SCD.
June 24, 12:00 pm ET.

HIV and Education Webinars

The **GMHC (Gay Men's Health Crisis)** webinar series will cover the following topics: aging with HIV, reducing barriers to care for transgender clients and the connection of substance abuse to HIV and hepatitis.

June 17, June 25 and July 9, 2:30 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Population Health in Rural America in 2020

The **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine** 2-day virtual workshop will convene experts to discuss public health, health care and community efforts to address rural and Tribal health disparities and access to care.
June 24-25, 11:00 am ET.

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Subtype-specific Breast Cancer Risk in Highly Indigenous Latin American Women

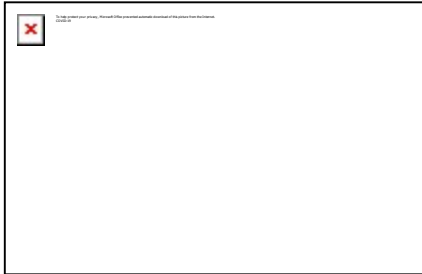
The **Genomics and Health Disparities Lecture Series**, co-sponsored by **NIH** and the **Food and Drug Administration Office of Minority Health (FDA OMH)**, will address genetic and non-genetic factors that increase the risk for and affects the prognosis of breast cancer in Hispanics/Latinas.
June 25, 3:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)



Resources

Resources: COVID-19



The **HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** have published a blog that informs consumers about health care scams during the COVID-19 pandemic: [Buyer Beware: How to Avoid Scams, Fraud, & Rumor During an Emergency.](#)

UnidosUS and the **Food Research Action Center** is hosting a Spanish-language webinar that will address changes made to the SNAP program due to COVID-19 and will discuss challenges, best practices and lessons learned by Hispanics/Latinxs enrolled in SNAP: [Cambios al Programa de SNAP Bajo COVID-19.](#)

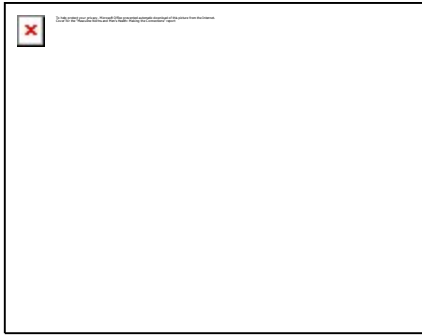
June 18, 2:30 pm ET. This webinar will be presented in Spanish.

The **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** has released a resource guide that addresses the issues disproportionately affecting communities of color during the COVID-19 pandemic: [Coronavirus Equity Considerations.](#)

The **Community Access, Recruitment, and Engagement Research Center** has archived their 2-part discussion on how misconceptions about COVID-19 contribute to prejudice against Asian Americans and how this affects their health and well-being: *Not a Virus: Asian Identity and COVID-19*, [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

And the **Aspen Institute** has published a guide that sets out how various sport and recreation activities can be enjoyed while minimizing transmission or contraction of COVID-19: [Return to Play: COVID-19 Risk Assessment Tool.](#)

Report: Masculine Norms and Men's Health: Making the Connections

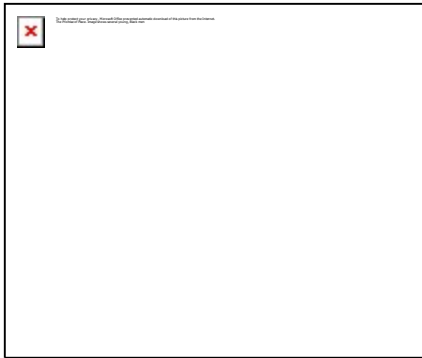


The *Masculine Norms and Men's Health: Making the Connections* report, published by **Promundo** in collaboration with the **Global Action on Men's Health** and the **Movember Foundation**, provides an overview of men's health globally and illustrates the direct connections between masculine norms and health-risk behaviors including poor diet, substance use, occupational hazards, unsafe sex and limited health-seeking behavior.

[Learn More](#)

[Download the full report \(PDF\)](#)

Tool: Black Male Achievement City Index: The Promise of Place



The **Campaign for Black Male Achievement** has developed an index that scores 50 cities on a scale from 1 to 100 according to their visible level of engagement and committed action on behalf of Black men and boys. Cities were scored using the following indicators: demographics around race and gender, city-led commitment to supporting and addressing individual and systemic challenges facing Black men and boys, local presence of national programs, initiatives and organizations supporting Black men and boys, and targeted philanthropic funding

focused on Black men and boys.

[Learn More](#)

Job Opening: SAMHSA Supervisory Social Science

The **HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** seeks applications for Director (GS-0101-15) of the SAMHSA Office of Behavioral Health Equity. The Director position is the lead for SAMHSA's policy work focusing on underserved, racial and ethnic populations and promoting behavioral health equity and reducing disparities in access to mental health and substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services and supports.

Deadline is June 24.

[Government Wide](#)

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Clinical Trials

Sickle Cell Disease and the Genomic Needs of Parent and Pediatric Stakeholders

This study, sponsored by **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital** and the **NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)**, seeks parents of children, age 12 months to 18 years old, with HbSS, HbS/ β thalassemia or HbSC and patients aged 13-18 years old with the aforementioned SCD genotype. Study to be conducted at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

[Learn More](#)

Sleep and Pain in Sickle Cell Disease

This behavioral study, sponsored by **Johns Hopkins University**, the **University of Maryland College Park** and the **NIH NHLBI**, seeks volunteers age 18 years or older with a diagnosis of sickle cell hemoglobinopathy, a stable dosing of medications (if taking) for pain and sleep and who report symptoms of insomnia and chronic pain. Study to be conducted at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Md.

[Learn More](#)



Workforce Development

AAMC Collaborative for Health Equity: Act, Research, Generate Evidence (CHARGE)

The **Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)** [CHARGE](#) cultivates the health equity community by advancing collaborative research, policy and programmatic solutions to health and health care inequities. AAMC is currently requesting research proposals for access to newly available data from the AAMC [Consumer Survey of Health Care Access](#). AAMC will support studies that fit within the core mission of CHARGE.

[Health Equity Call for Research Informational Webinar](#), June 18, 2:30 pm ET.

Bridging the Gap Medical Interpreter Training Scholarship

The **Cross Cultural Health Care Program** is offering two scholarship opportunities to individuals interested in taking the [Bridging the Gap](#) medical interpreter training in August or September in Seattle,

Wash. The Bridging the Gap program helps individuals develop their career as medical interpreters by covering foundational skills such as the roles of the interpreter, interpreter code of ethics, medical terminology and more. This professional development opportunity also prepares participants to meet state and national testing requirements.

Deadline is June 30.

[Learn More](#)

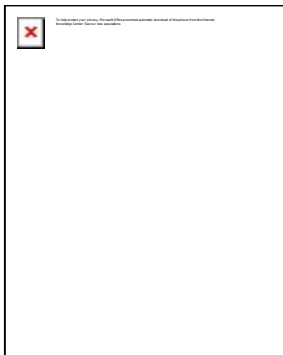
Health Equity Online Course: LGBTQ

This public health online learning course, offered by the **Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center**, provides training on culturally competent care for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) individuals. It examines individual biases about LGBTQ communities, defines terms related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, describes the health disparities, unique needs and consequences of bias and discrimination among this population, and analyzes workplace and community practices that promote or prevent LGBTQ bias and discrimination.

[Learn More](#)



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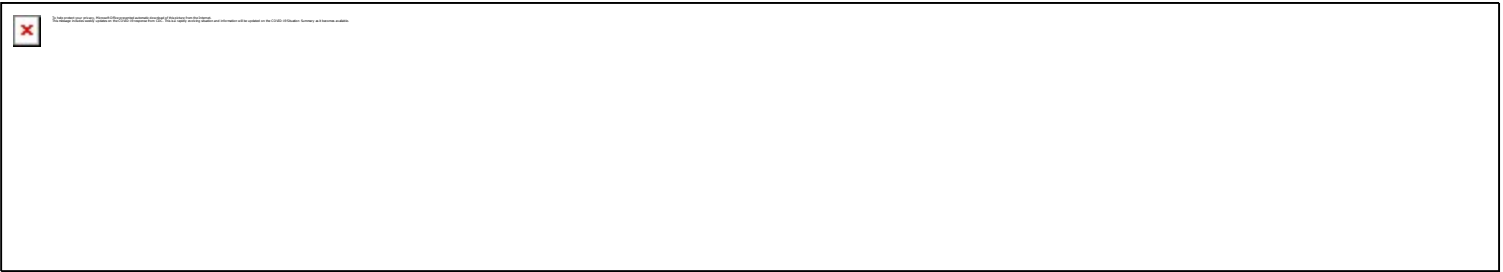
Recommended Reading

The Knowledge Center online collection includes a variety of publications related to the health of minority men. In support of Men's Health Month, [click here](#) to read through some recent publications on men's health.



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This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

How COVID-19 Spreads

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact between people, through respiratory droplets from an infected person who coughs, sneezes, or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

[More Info](#)

Highlighted Resources

[Characteristics Associated with Hospitalization Among Patients with COVID-19 — Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia, March – April 2020 \(MMWR\)](#)

Videos: [I Had COVID-19 but No Symptoms](#) and [I think or Know I had COVID-19 and I had Symptoms. When Can I Be With Others?](#)

[Guidance for Handlers of Service and Therapy Animals](#)

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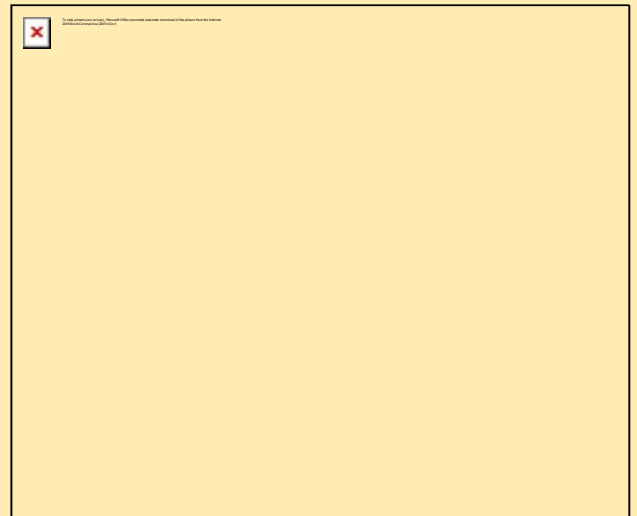
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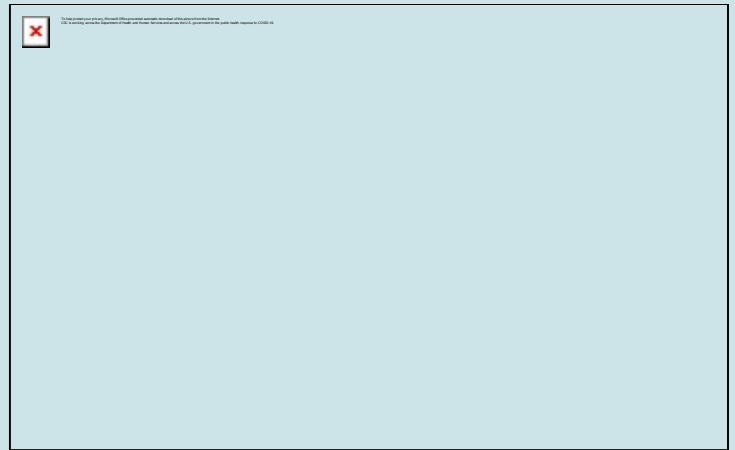
Resources are also available in [Spanish](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Vietnamese](#), and [Korean](#).

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

As of June 18, 2020

In the United States, there have been 2,155,572 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Revokes Emergency Use Authorization for Chloroquine and Hydroxychloroquine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [revoked the emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) that allowed for chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be used to treat certain hospitalized patients with COVID-19 when a clinical trial was unavailable, or participation in a clinical trial was not feasible. The agency determined that the legal criteria for issuing an EUA are no longer met. Based on its ongoing analysis of the EUA and emerging scientific data, the FDA determined that chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating COVID-19 for the authorized uses in the EUA. Additionally, in light of ongoing serious cardiac adverse events and other potential serious side effects, the known and potential benefits of chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine no longer outweigh the known and potential risks for the authorized use. This is the statutory standard for issuance of an EUA. The Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services originally requested the EUA covering chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine, and the FDA granted the EUA on March 28, 2020 based on the science and data available at the time. Today, in consultation with the FDA, BARDA sent a letter to the FDA requesting revocation of the EUA based on up to date science and data.

“We’ve made clear throughout the public health emergency that our actions will be guided by science and that our decisions may evolve as we learn more about the SARS-CoV-2 virus, review the latest data, and consider the balance of risks versus benefits of treatments for COVID-19,” said FDA Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs Anand Shah, M.D. “The FDA always underpins its decision-making with the most trustworthy, high-quality, up-to-date evidence available. We will continue to examine all of the emergency use authorizations the FDA has issued and make changes, as appropriate, based on emerging evidence.”

The FDA has a responsibility to regularly review the appropriateness of an EUA, and as such, the agency will review emerging information associated with the emergency uses for the authorized products. Recent results from a large randomized clinical trial in hospitalized patients, a population similar to the population for which chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine were authorized for emergency use, demonstrated that hydroxychloroquine showed no benefit on mortality or in speeding recovery. This outcome was consistent with other new data, including data showing that the suggested dosing regimens for chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are unlikely to kill or inhibit the virus that causes COVID-19. The totality of scientific evidence currently available indicate a lack of benefit.

“While additional clinical trials continue to evaluate the potential benefit of these drugs in treating or preventing COVID-19, we determined the emergency use authorization was no longer appropriate. This action was taken following a rigorous assessment by scientists in our Center for Drug Evaluation and Research,” said Patrizia Cavazzoni, M.D., acting director of the FDA’s Center for Drug Evaluation. “We remain committed to using every tool at our disposal in collaboration with innovators and researchers to provide sick patients timely access to appropriate new therapies. Our decisions will always be based on objective and rigorous evaluation of the scientific data. This will never change.”

Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine are both FDA-approved to treat or prevent malaria. Hydroxychloroquine is also approved to treat autoimmune conditions such as chronic discoid lupus erythematosus, systemic lupus erythematosus in adults, and rheumatoid arthritis. Both drugs have been prescribed for years to help patients with these debilitating, or even deadly, diseases, and FDA has determined that these drugs are safe and effective when used for these diseases in accordance with their FDA-approved labeling. Of note, FDA approved products may be prescribed by physicians for off-label uses if they determine it is appropriate for treating their patients, including during COVID. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-revokes-emergency-use-authorization-chloroquine-and>

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Takes Additional Action to Harness Real-World Data to Inform COVID-19 Response Efforts

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken an additional step in harnessing real-world data to help inform the agency’s overall response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The FDA is announcing its participation in the COVID-19 Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator, a multi-stakeholder collaborative project to advance the development of diagnostics. The Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator is organized by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA in collaboration with Friends of Cancer Research.

“While there are current studies of viral diagnostic and antibody tests using traditional assessment methods, the Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator will allow the community to analyze both diagnostic and clinical data in real time, which has the potential to contribute to the scientific evaluation of

diagnostic tools and medical interventions for COVID-19,” said Amy Abernethy, M.D., Ph.D., FDA Principal Deputy Commissioner. “FDA’s participation in the Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator is another example of how we are working with a broad set of experts in healthcare data and analytics to understand the performance of SARS-CoV-2 tests and to inform clinical and public health decision-making.”

The Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator is the companion project to the previously announced [Therapeutic Evidence Accelerator](#)[External Link Disclaimer](#), which brings together leading experts in health data aggregation and analytics in a unified, collaborative effort to share insights, compare results and answer key questions to inform the collective COVID-19 response.

“This collaboration with the FDA, scientists and data experts is meeting the urgency of the moment to speed the pace of diagnostic testing,” said Ellen V. Sigal, Chair of both the Reagan-Udall Foundation and Friends of Cancer Research. “We all share the goal of deepening our understanding of COVID-19 on every front to ensure that patients receive the best care as quickly and safely as possible.”

Key research questions that will be examined through the Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator include evaluating the real-world performance of SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic tests and antibody tests, how they are best used to tailor testing strategies to specific populations, and what test results and data may reveal about the prevalence of disease, chains of transmission, and individual and population-level immunity. This effort will focus on the use of real-world data to understand whether the presence of antibodies can indicate future immunity and if so, which specific antibodies and epitopes contribute to some level of protection against future infection.

Using real-world data can also provide actionable information about the prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 in specific populations and highlight individual risk factors for patients, helping to improve our understanding of the disease, tailor public health interventions and strategies to mitigate risks for individuals and communities, and help stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2. The evidence generated through the Diagnostics Accelerator is intended to be complementary to other studies that have been conducted or are underway as well as to address questions not yet answered.

“We recognize that questions related to the accuracy of diagnostic tests require different data elements that are not as widely available as those in the therapeutic space. They also require a different approach to data integration and analysis,” said Jeff Shuren, M.D., J.D., Director of FDA’s Center for Devices and Radiological Health. “The aim of the Accelerator is to propose questions, refine them, evaluate the feasibility of different approaches, and bring together groups that have the data to answer the questions and develop lasting solutions. Ultimately, we hope that real-world data can provide a more generalizable and rapid read-out of results than traditional clinical trials.”

The Diagnostics Evidence Accelerator represents the type of data-focused effort that has the potential to inform our future emergency efforts. In an emergency setting, the FDA may issue emergency use authorizations (EUAs) which are evaluated using a different standard than is required for approval or clearance in non-emergency situations. Gaining a better understanding of the real-world performance characteristics of diagnostic tests and antibody tests can help inform future EUAs.

The FDA continues to engage with stakeholders and collaborate with partners on opportunities to apply data from diverse sources to inform its response to COVID-19. To engage with the FDA on these efforts, [contact us](#).

For members of the press, if you have additional questions, please contact FDA’s Office of Media Affairs at: fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov

For other partners that have additional questions, you can contact us at: ORAInfo@fda.hhs.gov

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Attend the Webinar on Leveraging Data to Address Sickle Cell Disease on 6/24!



Are you interested in accelerating data-driven solutions to improve the quality of life for patients living with Sickle Cell Disease? Join us virtually at 12:00pm EST on June 24, 2020 for the first-ever Webinar on Leveraging Data to Address Sickle Cell Disease. You'll hear from the HHS Assistant Secretary of Health, Admiral Brett Giroir, as well as other lightning talk speakers, and learn how you can get involved to identify data resources, gaps, and strategies for data application to help individuals with Sickle Cell Disease.

The Office of the Chief Technology Officer and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Center for Open Data Enterprise are co-hosting this event. This Webinar precedes a Roundtable to convene HHS leaders, federal and state government, the private sector, patient advocates, and academic and research institutions to address central themes faced by patients, including a patient's transition from pediatric to adult care, and the challenges faced by SCD patients accessing emergency care.

Learn more about the Roundtable and register here. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/leveraging-data-to-address-sickle-cell-disease-tickets-107272506956>

For other questions, please reach out directly to the HHS CTO leads at idealab@hhs.gov.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Free and confidential support for people in distress

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Get Help –

We can all help prevent suicide.

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

FindTreatment.gov is an important resource to help Americans looking for substance abuse treatment for themselves or their loved ones find the right type of treatment.

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Center for the Arts Guild Elects FY21 Officers

The Center for the Arts (CAG) Guild welcomed four new board members and elected officers for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, which begins July 1st.

Video: Charles Johnson of Corsica Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity Life Cycle

Charles Johnson, President of Corsica Cybersecurity, explains the full life cycle of cybersecurity and the services they provide that ensures you and your data is protected.

Georgia Bankers Association Elects and Installs Officers and Directors to its Board

Members of the Georgia Bankers Association (GBA) have elected and installed officers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and added 10 members to its board of directors.



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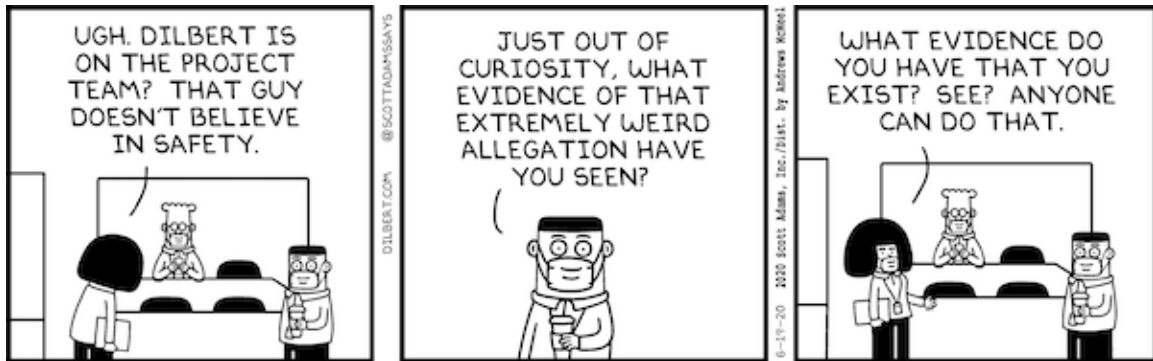
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Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Thursday, June 18, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1) DPH SPOCs had a record amount (6,459) specimens collected yesterday.

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Public Safety Agencies (EMS, Fire, Law Enforcement) and Public Safety Personnel need to check for updated COVID-19 information on the Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma web site as well as the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health Coronavirus web pages:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Georgia Department of Public Health: <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

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Good response
Thanks

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Please see below for answers/remarks in red.

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Thanks Courtney. We do appreciate the feedback very much.

As always, information typically presents a few more questions, but I think you have covered most of what we are looking for. Just to follow-up on a couple of items though;

- (A) If I understand correctly, the 32 positives, from the 585 checked at the health department, those numbers are already included in the 77. Correct? **Yes, that is correct.**
- (B) Are there any ideas, from anyone, as to who gathers the info from the free testing that was done in Lenox, Cecil, and other places (outside of the health department, doctor's offices, hospital)? Is there anyone that we could turn to there to see how those additional "free" test sites turned out as well? My guess, if they found a positive, that's probably already included in the 77, but was just wondering. Seems like those numbers would have been passed along to GDPH to include for the County and State. **We are notified of all positive COVID-19 results (this is required by law) from hospitals, private labs, nursing homes, physician offices, etc. I did not communicate that well – the number of people tested it is not reportable to public health. You would have to reach out to each individual organization for total tested which would include negatives and inconclusives.**

The 77 includes anyone who is a resident of Cook County. These people could have been tested at many places, possibly outside of Cook County. The reports by county are only inclusive of residents of that county (someone can test at a site in Cook County that's from Atlanta – their results will be reflected in their county of residency around the Atlanta area...they will not be reflected in Cook County's numbers). I hope this makes sense...if not, let me know.

I understand about the privacy laws and that's what I was mentioning below. We never were asking for anything regarding "identity" , just numbers. 😊

- (C) Thank you for the additional website information. That is all good to have and review."

Thank you again for your help! Our family is trying very hard to follow the recommendations. My wife and I haven't hardly been out since March but we do use masks, carry wipes, clean hands, etc. In some cases, we wish others would follow the same. We were just beginning to get more comfortable about 3 weeks ago, to go out more, but then "whamo", it broke loose again. Seems to us like that someone would have required the additional workers in the area to be tested before they reported to work. 😞 That was disappointing for us to hear. And, yes, we realize that the additional increases came somewhat from others not being careful as well.

You have a great rest of the week. We appreciate what all of you do!!!! Very much so!
You're welcome and thank you!

Sincerely, James and Kathy Thomas

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Hi Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out to Public Health for your questions on COVID-19. I will attempt to answer most of them below. If you have any questions from there, I'd be happy to try to get those answers for you.

- As of 5 p.m. yesterday (June 17, 2020), the Cook County Health Department has performed 585 tests at their drive thru testing site. Our tests are completely free to anyone that would like to be tested in the community. I do believe some other free testing has been offered through community resources periodically in Cook County; however, that information is not reportable to Public Health so I won't have the specifics of those clinics/testing sites for you. Also, as you mention below, Southwell conducts testing in Cook County but I am not certain if it is completely free (there could be an admin charge, etc.). You could reach out to their PR/Marketing Dept for specifics on that.
- From the 585 tests we have performed at Cook County Health Department there have been 32 positive results.
- In total for Cook County, 77 residents have tested positive (as of 10:45 a.m. today) which includes all testing performed at private labs, hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes, and the health department.
- I do not have the data readily available for how many of the 32 positive results at Cook County Health Department were asymptomatic.

Below are a few links that might be helpful to you:

- Our District's COVID-19 site which includes the number of cases and deaths for each of our counties. This website is updated each morning with our local numbers. These numbers may not always reflect the numbers on the Georgia Department of Public Health's website due to duplications, human error, etc. Our Epidemiologist provides this list to us each morning for the website. <https://covid19.southhealthdistrict.com/>
- We released a press release this week on the importance of continuing to follow all recommended guidelines due to the increase in numbers locally. You can view that press release at <https://southhealthdistrict.com/2020/06/continuing-precautions-crucial-as-cases-rise-businesses-reopen/>.

I believe what Mr. West was referencing in privacy laws was in regard to the information we're able to share with him. Due to HIPAA, we are not able to release identifying information on cases/deaths.

The most important thing for anyone to remember right now is to wear a mask when in public, wash your hands often with warm soap and water (hand sanitizer if it is not available), stay home when sick, and social distance from others. If you are at higher risk for the illness, stay home as much as possible.

I hope this information helped answer your questions. Feel free to reach out to me if you have more in the future.

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Hi Ms. Sheeley and good day to you!

I hope this finds you well and having a great week! 😊

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Yes sir I did just been tied up with hearings since we have reopened. Hope to answer in detail later this week.

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completed, for Cook County, and what results are being shown (the following 2 questions).

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We're already aware of the existing sites at the GA DPH, South Health District, and mysouthwell.com (which shows that there are still 165 recovering "somewhere), etc.

We appreciate your time! Please stay safe and look forward to seeing you again sometime soon!

Thanks, James and Kathy

Grow, William

From: Valdosta CEO <newsletter@valdostaceo.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:30 AM
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Second Harvest and AgGeorgia Farm Credit Announce Homegrown Help Campaign

On Wednesday, Second Harvest of South Georgia and AgGeorgia Farm Credit announced Homegrown Help, a new joint initiative to combat the effects of COVID-19 in our area. The Farm Credit cooperative is a long-time supporter of the food bank's work, but Homegrown Help marks the first partnership between the two organizations.

Lt. Gov. Duncan Unveils New Version of Hate-crimes Proposal in Georgia

Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan introduced hate crimes legislation that empowers communities by giving them the ability to seek a hate crimes charge from a grand jury if local prosecutors don't. The bill would also create a separate offense for "bias-motivated intimidation" for alleged hate crimes, which satisfies the constitutional protections of due process by requiring an indictment.

Advisory Group to Review Names Used On University System of Georgia Campuses

Board of Regents Chairman Sachin Shailendra and Chancellor Steve Wrigley of the University System of Georgia (USG) have asked an advisory group to review and study the names of buildings and colleges on all USG campuses and report to the Board on any recommended changes.



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Georgia Honors State's 2020 'Small Business ROCK STARS'

Today, the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) and the Georgia Economic Developers Association (GEDA) teamed up to recognize Georgia's 2020 Small Business ROCK STARS. Originally set to take place in April, the ceremony to celebrate the four winning businesses was transformed into a completely virtual production to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

GPA Elects Officers for FY2021

At its meeting Tuesday, the Georgia Ports Authority board elected officers for the coming fiscal year, selecting Will McKnight to serve a second year as chairman.

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Grow, William

From: Drenzek, Cherie
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Rustin, Chris; Soetebier, Karl; Minarcine, Scott; Mindlin, Michele; Bacon, Rosalyn; Toomey, Kathleen; Miller, Kristin; Nydam, Nancy; Hough, Dawona; Keheley, Ricky; Franko, Elizabeth; Kroening, Sara; Nadeau, Kelly
Cc: EOC Epidemiology; DPH-EPI; Loke, Ryan; Noggle, Caylee; audrey.arona@gnrhealth.com; Memark, Janet; Voccio, Gary; Taylor, Zachary; Logan, Pamela; Goggans, Stephen; Townsend, Beverley; Ruis, Charles; Grow, William; Obasanjo, Olugbenga; Ford, Sandra; Paxton, Lynn; Haynes, Reneé; Davis, Lawton; Craft, Thomas
Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 6/16/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_6-17-2020.docx

Hi all

Attached please find today's Epidemiology SitRep. This document is for internal situational awareness only, not public nor media.

Take care,

Cherie

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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 4:26 PM
To: Newton, David
Subject: Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Attachments: COVID-19_Ops-Epi SitRep_GEMA_6-17-2020.docx

Daily COVID-19 Sitrep for Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Please find the attached daily COVID-19 sitrep.

Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

- 1) Remdesivir: Shipment Arrived today. 113 cases (4520 vials) of room temperature powder.
- 2) NFL: DPH leadership held a call with the NFL to discussed their return to play plans. Staff offered to assist them as they move through phases of return that is currently focused on staff and players. Allowing fans to watch games in the stadium is based on several factors to include trends, spikes in positivity rates as fan safety is the primary goal.

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From: Sheeley, Courtney
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 3:53 PM
To: James T. Thomas
Cc: johnny.west@cookcountyga.us; Allgood, Rebecca; Chase.Daughtrey@cookcountyga.us
Subject: RE: Covid-19

Hi Mr. Thomas,

Thank you for reaching out to Public Health for your questions on COVID-19. I will attempt to answer most of them below. If you have any questions from there, I'd be happy to try to get those answers for you.

- As of 5 p.m. yesterday (June 17, 2020), the Cook County Health Department has performed 585 tests at their drive thru testing site. Our tests are completely free to anyone that would like to be tested in the community. I do believe some other free testing has been offered through community resources periodically in Cook County; however, that information is not reportable to Public Health so I won't have the specifics of those clinics/testing sites for you. Also, as you mention below, Southwell conducts testing in Cook County but I am not certain if it is completely free (there could be an admin charge, etc.). You could reach out to their PR/Marketing Dept for specifics on that.
- From the 585 tests we have performed at Cook County Health Department there have been 32 positive results.
- In total for Cook County, 77 residents have tested positive (as of 10:45 a.m. today) which includes all testing performed at private labs, hospitals, physician offices, nursing homes, and the health department.
- I do not have the data readily available for how many of the 32 positive results at Cook County Health Department were asymptomatic.

Below are a few links that might be helpful to you:

- Our District's COVID-19 site which includes the number of cases and deaths for each of our counties. This website is updated each morning with our local numbers. These numbers may not always reflect the numbers on the Georgia Department of Public Health's website due to duplications, human error, etc. Our Epidemiologist provides this list to us each morning for the website. <https://covid19.southhealthdistrict.com/>
- We released a press release this week on the importance of continuing to follow all recommended guidelines due to the increase in numbers locally. You can view that press release at <https://southhealthdistrict.com/2020/06/continuing-precautions-crucial-as-cases-rise-businesses-reopen/>.

I believe what Mr. West was referencing in privacy laws was in regard to the information we're able to share with him. Due to HIPAA, we are not able to release identifying information on cases/deaths.

The most important thing for anyone to remember right now is to wear a mask when in public, wash your hands often with warm soap and water (hand sanitizer if it is not available), stay home when sick, and social distance from others. If you are at higher risk for the illness, stay home as much as possible.

I hope this information helped answer your questions. Feel free to reach out to me if you have more in the future.

Courtney D. Sheeley, MPA

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Hi Ms. Sheeley and good day to you!

I hope this finds you well and having a great week! 😊

I'm hoping that maybe you can help me with a few questions at the bottom of this long string eMail. I apologize for the length of the eMail but I've been trying, almost a month now, to get information on a few questions that I have regarding covid-19. I've highlighted the three questions, in yellow, at the bottom of this eMail.

My last communication was with Johnny West, Cook County EMA, who suggested that maybe you might be the person that could help me.

I realize that everyone is busy but I just have to think that someone has a, quickly found, answer to my questions below. I'm sure hoping so anyway. 😊

My wife and I are simply trying to ascertain "what to do" in this covid world. These numbers would help us in our planning per se. Maybe these numbers are on a web site somewhere that we just don't know about. Please review the entire eMail about sites that we look at almost daily though.

We listened to the Cook County news conference presented this past Monday but noting was really mentioned about what was being found in the realm of the testing. It was mainly about how the number of cases are going up and for us to be alert again.

I hope that all made sense. I hope our questions below make sense as well. If, after looking over this eMail, if you have any questions back for us, please just let me know.

To understand the entire eMail it would be best to review from the bottom up.

We'll hope to hear back soon. Take care for now and thank you for your time.

Sincerely, James and Kathy Thomas of Lenox

From: James T. Thomas <James@JamesTThomas.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Johnny West <johnny.west@cookcountyga.us>
Cc: Chase Daughtrey <Chase.Daughtrey@cookcountyga.us>
Subject: RE: Covid-19
Importance: High

Thanks Johnny. I appreciate your feedback. My wife Kathy and I do appreciate your help.

Per chance, could you please let me know the eMail address for Ms. Sheeley. I'd appreciate that very much. We still would like to pursue this information.

I guess I have to admit that I'm surprised that no one in Cook County would be privy to information such as requested below. It truly seems like this would be valuable information on how to move forward and for proper planning for the County as well. To Kathy and I, it's also important, and validly so, for us as citizens of the County, to plan properly as well. 😊

I'm also surprised that you'd say that the questions I'm asking would violate any privacy laws?? That one confuses me a bit?? We aren't asking about anyone specifically, or a person per se, it's a broad stroke question for Cook County in general. I guess our belief is that this would be public domain data.

The first two questions below (on our original eMail) are, to us, the most important. Knowing what is found, on the free testing, can specifically help us in knowing what percentage of people are possibly walking around with covid, and might not even know it (or may have "had" covid, and not know it). We can make better decisions as to how much we venture out into the public that way (and where). That makes the third question important also.

The number of cases locally, in a multi-county area, has been going up rapidly in the past few weeks. From information obtained in other neighboring counties, it appears that the recent influx of migrant farm workers has contributed greatly to this large increase in covid cases. Colquitt, Lowndes, Echols, Tift, and others have all reported much higher numbers recently. Colquitt County has grown from 448 cases to 615 cases in a two week period. That is a 37.3% increase. Lowndes has grown from 273 cases to 531 cases in the same 2 week period. That is a whopping 94.5% increase! Even Cook County has grown from 47 cases to 62 cases in the 2 week period as well (a 31.9% increase). These recent increases locally are the largest percentage growth increases (periods) since covid started. 😞 Growth of this nature is important for folks to know.

That being said, is why it's important for the public to better understand what is being found in the free testing that is going on. Knowing where that stands, along with the other above information, plays a role for us older folks as this info could also probably be used in public planning for schools, Churches, business, and other venues locally. We just don't perceive better understanding the free testing results as a "need to know" type number. I hope that makes sense.

Anyway, that being said, if you could help us with Ms. Sheeley's eMail contact info, we'll follow-up along that route.

Again, thank you for your help and time.

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Mr. Thomas,
Chase Daughtrey forwarded your email to me for assistance.

I appreciate your concerns and questions. However, all of the information that you are asking is not provided to us at our level. The Department of Public Health, South District in Valdosta is the keeper of the specific information that you are asking for. Courtney Sheeley is the communications Director for their office and she can be reached at (229) 333-5370.

One of the questions I can answer and Courtney will be able to elaborate more on is about the deaths, at one point, DPH did have Cook County listed with 3 deaths, but the numbers have been updated and we now have 1 death for the county.

I am sorry that we were not of as much assistance as you were hoping for, but do to the privacy laws, it greatly restricts what information we are provided and can share.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can assist with.

Thanks

Johnny West

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Do you know the answer to any of his questions by chance? Thanks!

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Cc: Negley, Jeanne
Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 6.17.20.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 6.17.20.pdf

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities. A pdf version of this listing will be posted on the website by 7 pm this evening.

Today's count is 440 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,515 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,693 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,168 Resident Deaths
2,946 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 78.6% of residents tested
58% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 100% of residents tested and 67% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Grow, William
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Georgia Honors State's 2020 'Small Business ROCK STARS'

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At its meeting Tuesday, the Georgia Ports Authority board elected officers for the coming fiscal year, selecting Will McKnight to serve a second year as chairman.

Raphael Bostic: A Moral and Economic Imperative to End Racism

As I have observed the protests against police brutality over the past few weeks, I have shared in the outrage of the truly horrific events that brought us to this point. I know many of you are feeling shocked and outraged. My first thoughts are for those who lost their lives and those suffering through these events in very real ways, and I stand with all those peacefully protesting for change.

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David Newton, DrPH(c), MPH, NRP

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 6.16.20.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 6.16.20.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities.

Today's count is 439 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,413 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,587 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,144 Resident Deaths
2,943 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 78% of residents tested
57% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are **100% of residents*** tested and 66% of staff tested.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Video: Frank Richards on Advocacy Work at Second Harvest

Frank Richards, President and CEO of Second Harvest of South Georgia, talks about their mission to lead advocacy efforts to promote hunger relief in South Georgia.

GPA Elects Officers for FY2021

At its meeting Tuesday, the Georgia Ports Authority board elected officers for the coming fiscal year, selecting Will McKnight to serve a second year as chairman.

Raphael Bostic: A Moral and Economic Imperative to End Racism

As I have observed the protests against police brutality over the past few weeks, I have shared in the outrage of the truly horrific events that brought us to this point. I know many of you are feeling shocked and outraged. My first thoughts are for those who lost their lives and those suffering through these events in very real ways, and I stand with all those peacefully protesting for change.



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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1. Piedmont Columbus: Piedmont Columbus reports a sharp increase in positive cases and many staff testing positive.
2. DPH leadership held a call with DHS leadership to discuss a protocol for future placement of elderly individuals without a home after COVID-19 Isolation discharge.

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Please note two minor changes in the report:

- The Syndromic Surveillance page now includes total ED visits
- The SS % change map is now for 7 day periods instead of 14, as before

Take care,

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Importance: High

If you have the chance to review these documents, please let us know if you have any suggested edits. THANKS!!!!

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Subject: FW: Final Draft-Testing Strategy
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Attached is the final draft of the July-December testing strategy. The spreadsheet and cover letter are what we actually submit to HHS. For ease of editing, the two documents in Word reflect the narratives that will be placed in the spreadsheet.

Once we get any comments or edits, we will send forward to HHS. Although states have been given a one-week extension, we hope to send this forward as soon as we get your approval.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Kathleen

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Cc: Rustin, Chris; Drenzek, Cherie
Subject: FW: COVID-19 news alerts

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This came to me from Commissioner Gary Black. I have appreciated his collaboration with our efforts. Let me know if any of these worker show up that you know of. Thanks.

Kathleen

From: "Greg Leger" <greg@legerandson.com>
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Sent: Friday, June 12, 2020 8:33 AM
To: Bob Morrissey <bobm@nwawatermelon.com>
Subject: COVID-19 news alerts

Good morning:

As expected, the predicted news coverage took place (posted below), actually beginning with an article about the Immokalee area a few weeks ago, then picked up again when the very high positivity rate became public in a few North Florida counties. One article (and the Gainesville tv report) did not indicate any crop industry directly, but the 'watermelon' visuals are there in those two reports. I give thanks to the local health official who added to the tv report that fresh F&V are safe & healthy, and not affected by COVID-19 - - plus he said consumers would wash their produce before eating.

We cannot say with any confidence if the media coverage will be extended, or go away. No matter, our best path forward is to continue to encourage our members (and the industry) to follow the guidelines that we issued again yesterday afternoon. As much as is possible, implementing those steps will help to tell our

story – your farm story (if necessary), and will help to keep the media in balance. COVID-19 is a silent predator – what the workers do, what we do - to keep it at bay is our absolute best approach to keeping everyone healthy and productive.

I can say with utmost confidence that the entirety of the produce industry is in this together. This is a produce industry issue; not limited to one or two crops; not limited to just one state. This is happening all over the country. So how do we deal with it? by doing ‘what we can’ and ‘as much as we can’ to implement the recommendations is our best approach. As we continue to work with federal and state government & health officials around the country, we will keep you informed. Stay tuned for additional announcements as the seasonal harvest continues in its northward trek.

<https://www.wcjb.com/content/news/Alachua-County-Health-Department-announces-outbreak-of-COVID-19-in-agricultural-community-571188451.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/06/11/migrant-farmworkers-many-who-have-tested-positive-covid-19-move-north-florida-other-farm-states/>

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/06/09/farm-workers-coronavirus-309897>

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Highlights:

1. Leadership editing and finalizing State testing strategy.

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District Health Directors,

Dr. Toomey has asked me to begin to send you the daily SitRep for COVID-19, so you will get this from me on a daily basis.

If you have any questions, let me know.

-David

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Highlights:

1. As of yesterday, the number of specimens collected at DPH SPOC sites broke 200,000.
2. Notified by HHS that our next push of Remdesivir will be on 6/15 and include 113 cases of powder form medication.

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Sent on behalf of Dr. Rustin.

Highlights:

1. Swabs and media shipments will be taken over by HHS in July and shipments will continue through December.
2. Logistics: Working on a new shipping/delivery option as the GSP and Forestry are cycling out of the mission.

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Chris Clark: Immediate Action for a Strong Economic Recovery

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Subject: Coleman Talley Raises \$50K for Food Bank, SGMC Neurosurgeon, Curt Fowler, Delta Global Cleanliness, MAC President, GaDOE 'Getting Ready'

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Delta Launches Unique Global Cleanliness Division to Drive Long-term Commitment to Clean

Delta is establishing the airline’s first Global Cleanliness division – a new department within the Customer Experience organization dedicated to innovating and evolving our already-high cleanliness standards.



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Coalition of Georgia Businesses Urge Passage of Hate Crimes Legislation

Georgia Power, along with a coalition of leading Georgia businesses, have signed a letter asking the Georgia General Assembly to support, approve and sign into law a comprehensive, specific and clear bill against hate crimes.

Turner Center for the Arts Presents Music in the Art Park, Summer Concert Series

The Turner Center for the Arts will launch the first concert of its Music in the Park Summer Concert Series, on Friday, June 12, from 7-9 p.m., in the Art Park located at 605 N. Patterson Street.

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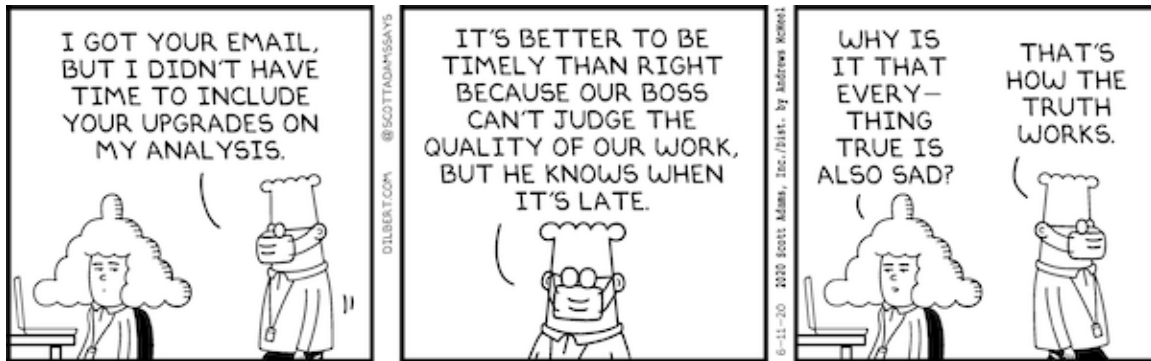
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Subject: FW: This Week's Emerging Potential Areas of Concern -- Hot Spot analysis
Attachments: Rapid Detection_Report_6.10.20.pdf; Hotspots June 7.pptx
Importance: High

Attached please find our "Rapid Detection of Hotspots" Report for this week as well as a slide deck summarizing CDC's COVID data in Georgia (with my interpretations on the slides); all align well.

Executive Summary

- As of June 7, CDC characterizes Georgia as “not in downward trajectory” of COVID-19 case numbers
- During 6/1-6/7, our weekly statewide case numbers increased by 13% relative to the week before
- Overall, we are seeing increases in Gwinnett (but is stabilizing now), District 4-0, the Columbus area/West Georgia, several counties in NW Georgia, and south Georgia.
- Although there are many counties in Georgia with a downward trajectory of case numbers, there are also many with recent increasing rates that cannot be attributed to outbreaks in LTCFs.
- We are seeing a trend of more outbreaks in manufacturing facilities, food production facilities, and workplaces, which usually represent transmission in the community, not within the facility itself.

Several counties of concern do not have documented, clear LTCF or other outbreak attribution, indicating potential community spread (Carroll, Brooks, Thomas, Troup, Meriwether, Muscogee, Hall, White).

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Subject: Cook County Family Connection Highlights
Attachments: Newsletter May 2020.pdf; Resource Listing.pdf

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Hello Partners... Attached are a few highlights from our collaborative efforts during May. While we still are not hosting large-group collaborative meetings, many of our partners *are* collaborating weekly in small groups to serve the needs of children, families, and senior citizens across Cook County. We are proud that—even in the midst of a pandemic—our leaders and partners have stayed focused on our mission and purpose. That is a strong testament to the power of collaboration!

Also attached is a two-page Community Resource List that we have been distributing to hundreds of families each month. You are welcome to make copies of this list to share with your clients, consumers, and families you serve.

Thank you for your continued support.
Stay well and safe and joyful,
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COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Prescription Fill Patterns

Thomas L. Schwenk, MD reviewing Vaduganathan M et al. JAMA 2020 May 28

Hydroxychloroquine/chloroquine prescriptions spiked following widespread publicity about its potential value; other drug classes didn't change much.

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Limited Data on Noninvasive Ventilation to Treat COVID-19 Patients

Patricia Kritek, MD reviewing Schünemann HJ et al. Ann Intern Med 2020 May 22

NIV might help avoid intubation but also might enhance transmission to healthcare workers.

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Closure of Patent Foramen Ovale in Patients with Cryptogenic Stroke

Allan S. Brett, MD reviewing Messé SR et al. Neurology 2020 May 19

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Among the retested patients (median age, 47), none had symptoms of COVID-19, but 10 tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 between 4 and 24 days after discharge (6 had positive anal swab results, and 5 had positive nasopharyngeal swab results; 1 patient had positive results for both). One patient had donated plasma 9 days before testing positive. Outcomes for patients who received the plasma were not reported.

COMMENT

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities. The pdf version will be posted on the website by 7 pm this evening.

Today's count is 427 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,188 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,170 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,107 Resident Deaths
2,695 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 70.4% of residents tested
52% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 92% of residents tested and 60% of staff tested.

In case you are not aware, CMS is now releasing COVID-19 data that is reported by nursing homes through the National Healthcare Safety Network:

<https://data.cms.gov/stories/s/COVID-19-Nursing-Home-Data/bkwz-xpvg>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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HHS Community Health News

[The Opioid Crisis and the Black/African American Community: An Urgent Issue](#)

This newly released SAMHSA report presents data on the prevalence of opioid misuse and death rates in the Black/African American population; contextual factors and challenges to prevention and treatment; and innovative community-based strategies to connect people to evidence-based treatment and support.

[Double Jeopardy: COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Disparities for Black and Latino Communities in the U.S.](#)

This SAMHSA brief looks at recent reports that indicate the current pandemic disproportionately impacts communities of color, compounding longstanding racial disparities.

[June is Men's Health Month](#)

Despite our nation's vast advances in science, public health and health care, the health status of racial and ethnic minority men continues to lag behind the general population. Visit the HHS Office of Minority Health's (OMH) [website](#) for more information. Participate in [Men's Health Month](#) as a way to raise awareness about health care for men and how to encourage boys, men and their families to practice and implement healthy living decisions.

[Recovery LIVE! Supporting the Resilience of Black Men: Culturally Affirming and Responsive Approaches to Engagement, Treatment, and Recovery](#)

Thurs., June 25, 2020, 2-3:00 p.m. EDT, Register [here](#).

SAMHSA invites you to join national experts who will highlight current research and describe best practices and promising strategies for supporting Black men with mental illness, substance use disorder (SUD), and in their recovery efforts.

Webinars

[Mental Health in a Time of COVID-19 Webinar Series:](#)

Part 4: Connecting Spirituality to Mental Health Services in the Midst of the Crisis

Wed., June 9, Noon ET, [Register here](#), View earlier episodes in the series [here](#).

This fourth episode in the Partnership Centers webinar series on Mental Health in the time of COVID-19 will highlight why and how mental health professionals can, if helpful, engage the spiritual and religious beliefs of their clients in their treatment protocols.

***And, in case you missed it HHS and the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) collaborated recently to host a [Rural Health and COVID-19](#) webinar. The recording is available [here](#)

COVID-19 Related Resources and Information

[Economic Impact Payments Information Center](#)

To assist community members with questions about their Economic Impact Payments authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), refer them to the IRS [on-line information center](#) and the [Get My Payment FAQs](#).

[COVID-19 National and State Forecasts](#)

CDC's latest ensemble of national and state forecasts suggest that the number of newly-reported COVID-19 deaths per week will continue to decline. The collective forecasts also predict between 118,000 and 143,000 cumulative COVID-19 deaths by June 27. Also see FEMA's [COVID-19 By The Numbers](#)

[Community Based Testing Sites](#)

HHS updated their [webpage](#) on community-based testing sites. The webpage includes information on public-private partnerships between HHS and pharmacy and retail companies and where to find a testing location by company and state.

** Also HRSA-funded Health Centers are able to conduct COVID-19 tests for nearly 135,000 people per week. The [Find a Health Center website](#) shows which health centers are conducting COVID-19 testing.

[Rural Health and COVID-19](#)

This HHS [research brief](#) identifies COVID-19 related challenges faced by rural communities including those specific to healthcare facilities and those related to at-risk populations.

[Guidance for Agriculture Workers and Employers](#)

CDC's updated guidance provides a template of action to protect agriculture workers from COVID-19 at their particular work sites or in specific work operations.

[Guidance for Newly Resettled Refugee Populations](#)

Refugees to the United States, especially those who are recently resettled, may be in living or working conditions that put them at higher risk of getting COVID-19. Some refugees have limited access to health care, as well as certain underlying medical conditions that may also put them at higher risk of more severe illness from COVID-19, compared to the rest of the U.S. population.

[Resuming Business Toolkit](#)

CDC released a toolkit designed to assist employers in slowing the spread of COVID-19 and lowering the impact in their workplace when reintegrating employees into non-healthcare business settings.

[Will Warm Weather Slow Spread of Novel Coronavirus?](#) and [Discussing the Need for Reliable Antibody Testing for COVID-19](#)

Blog posts by Dr. Francis Collins, Director, National Institutes of Health, address the hope that the warmer weather will slow the spread of COVID-19 and discuss whether people who recover from the disease have [neutralizing antibodies](#) in their bloodstream.

Recent Awards

[CARES Act Gives Extra \\$750 million for Head Start Program](#)

In addition to the 2020 appropriation of \$10.6 billion for the [Head Start program](#), the CARES Act designates \$750 million more for the federal program to help prepare low-income children for kindergarten.

[HHS Awards \\$20.3 Million to Expand the Addiction Workforce in Underserved Communities](#)

Last week, HHS awarded \$20.3 million to 44 recipients to train addiction specialists at facilities in high need communities that integrate behavioral and primary care services. [Here](#) is a list of award recipients.

[Recovery Community Services Program](#)

These awards are funding peer recovery support services via recovery community organizations to individuals with substance use disorders or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders or those in recovery from these disorders. [Here](#) is a list of award recipients.

Grants Announcements

[Fatherhood - Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential \(Fatherhood FIRE\)](#)

HS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZJ-1846- **Fatherhood FIRE** will support projects designed for adult fathers that are age 18 and older. Eligible fathers (or father figures) must have children who are age 24 or younger. Fathers will include those in the general population (or "community fathers"), as well as fathers who are currently incarcerated and are returning, or have returned, to their families and communities following incarceration. **Closing date: July 1, 2020**

[Relationships, Education, Advancement, and Development for Youth for Life \(READY4Life\)](#)

HHS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZD-1838- The **READY4Life grants** will be targeted exclusively to youth, for projects designed to support healthy relationships and marriage, including the value of marriage in future family formation and skills-based healthy relationship and marriage education. Additionally, grants will support activities including parenting (for young fathers and mothers, as applicable), financial management, job and career advancement, and other activities. Projects must be targeted to youth, specified as individuals in high school (grades 9-12), or that are high-school aged or in late adolescence and early adulthood (ages 14 to 24). **Closing date: July 1, 2020**

[Family, Relationship, and Marriage Education Works - Adults \(FRAMEWorks\)](#)

HS-2020-ACF-OFA-ZB-1817- **The FRAMEWorks Program** will fund projects designed for adult individuals or adult couples. Projects include curriculum-based skills development and services; marriage and relationship education/skills (MRES); pre-marital education; marriage enhancement; divorce reduction activities; marriage mentoring; public advertising campaigns; and activities to reduce the disincentives to marriage. Applicants will be encouraged to also include services to promote employment and job and career advancement. **Closing date: July 1, 2020**

Funding related to COVID-19

(Previously mentioned)

[Street Outreach Program](#)

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-YO-1799

The Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program's Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides street-based services to run away, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of human trafficking in persons. **Closing date: June 29, 2020.**

[Basic Center Program](#)

HHS-2020-ACF-ACYF-CY-1800

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Program's Basic Center Program (BCP) provides temporary shelter and counseling services to youth who have left home without permission of their parents or guardians, have been forced to leave home, or other homeless youth who might otherwise end up in the law enforcement or in the child welfare, mental health, or juvenile justice systems. **Closing Date: July 3, 2020**

Keep up to date with ACF grants [here](#).

[Applications Open for \\$1.5 Billion in EDA CARES Act Funds to Respond to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is accepting applications from eligible grantees for \$1.5 billion in economic assistance to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic using funds authorized under the CARES Act. Only state and local governmental entities, institutions of higher education, not for-profit entities, and federally recognized Tribes. Small business owners should visit www.coronavirus.gov/smallbusiness for details on small business assistance programs including SBA's Paycheck Protection Program. For more information on the EDA funding opportunity read their FAQ [here](#).

[\\$900 Million in Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#)

ACF released \$900 million in supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The funding, appropriated under the CARES Act, is used to help "prevent, prepare for, or respond to" home energy needs surrounding the national emergency. The funding was disbursed to states, territories, and tribes.

[FCC High Speed Broadband/Rural Opportunity Fund:](#)

The Rural Digital Opportunity Fund is the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) next step in [bridging the digital divide](#). The FCC designed the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund to bring high speed fixed broadband service to rural homes and small businesses that lack access. The first phase of the FCC reverse auction will target over six million homes and businesses in census blocks that are entirely unserved by voice and broadband with download speeds of at least 25 Mbps. **Closing date October 22, 2020.**

COVID-19 Related News

[ACF and MCHB Issue Joint Letter to promote family strengthening and virtual primary prevention during COVID-19 and beyond](#)

The Administration for Children and Families, (ACF) and HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) released a joint letter encouraging family support, maternal and child health, and early childhood programs to promote family strengthening and prevention strategies via virtual, electronic, telephonic, or other safe means during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Mortgage or Rent Forbearance and Eviction/Foreclosure Moratoriums on HUD Related Programs](#)

Share this [website](#) with information for community members participating programs of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and seeking relief in the form of mortgage or rent forbearance or eviction or foreclosure concerns.

[COVID-19 Contact Tracing Training Guidance and Resources](#)

This document contains a sample training plan including training topics that may be helpful for state and local public health jurisdictions to consider when designing their own training plan for COVID-19 contact tracers. The audience for this training includes community health workers or volunteers with little or no experience conducting contact tracing.

**Note: Through the [COVID-19 Dislocated Workers Act](#), the DOL [provides additional flexibility](#) allowing grant awardees to use funds for contact tracing. Review grantees in your community [here](#).

Also see the story on how [Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health launched a free online course](#) to train army of contact tracers to slow the spread of COVID-19.

[Mobile Apps: COVID Coach](#)

The COVID Coach app was created for everyone, including Veterans and Service members, to support self-care and overall mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Features include information on coping strategies, tools for self-care and mood trackers to measure emotional well-being and progress toward personal goals.

[Reducing Recidivism and Improving Reentry through Economic Impact Payments during COVID-19](#)

This HHS research brief demonstrates that Economic Impact Payments for individuals recently released from incarceration during the COVID-19 pandemic can increase economic independence and labor force attachment through helping cover basic expenses while individuals seek employment and get on their feet.

Updated Guidance from the CDC

[COVIDView](#)

CDC released age-adjusted rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations by race and ethnicity for the first time. This information is critical to identifying and addressing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the health of racial and ethnic minority populations.

[Guidance for Faith Communities](#)

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) released a [Guidance for Communities of Faith](#). For updates on the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), refer to the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's** (CDC's) [dedicated website](#). Also available in [Spanish](#).

[CDC Provides Update on How COVID-19 Spreads](#)

On its updated webpage the CDC says COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. Some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus. Learn more and keep updated [here](#).

[Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#)

This guidance is for individuals and families as they work with funeral directors, community and religious leaders, and others to plan and hold funeral services and visitations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Guidance for Households Living in Close Quarters](#)

This guidance is intended for people living together in close quarters, such as people who share a small apartment, or for people who live in the same household with large or extended families.

Updated Guidance for Individuals with Disabilities Living in Group Homes:

CDC updated their Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities. Group homes (GHs) for people with disabilities can vary in size from small to larger congregate settings. In congregate living settings, several factors may facilitate the introduction and spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Some of these factors include residents employed outside the home, residents who require close contact with staff or Direct Service Providers, residents who have trouble understanding information or practicing preventive measures, and residents in shared living spaces. In addition, GH residents who have underlying medical conditions may be at risk of serious illness with COVID-19.

Screening Clients for COVID-19 at Homeless Shelters or Encampments

This screening tool may be used to identify people with possible symptoms of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Although not every person who has symptoms will have COVID-19, conducting daily screenings consisting of a series of simple questions can help identify people who may need medical care or isolation



CMS COVID-19 Stakeholder Engagement Calls – Week of 6/8/20

CMS hosts varied recurring stakeholder engagement sessions to share information related to the agency's response to COVID-19. These sessions are open to members of the healthcare community and are intended to provide updates, share best practices among peers, and offer attendees an opportunity to ask questions of CMS and other subject matter experts.

Call details are below. Conference lines are limited so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and professional networks. These calls are not intended for the press.

Calls recordings and transcripts are posted on the CMS podcast page at: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/OpenDoorForums/PodcastAndTranscripts>

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls (Tuesdays at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern)

Office Hour Calls provide an opportunity for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS's temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

- Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
- Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
- Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
- Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

This week's Office Hours:

Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 4892554

Audio Webcast link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=6b9f9bee-37cbb2c5-6b9faad1-0cc47a6d17cc-71d1a27a3efd1e66&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2171>

Weekly COVID-19 Care Site-Specific Calls

CMS hosts weekly calls for certain types of organizations to provide targeted updates on the agency's latest COVID-19 guidance. One to two leaders in the field also share best practices with their peers. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters if time allows.

Home Health and Hospice (Tuesdays at 3:00 PM Eastern)

Tuesday, June 9th at 3:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 7359947

Audio Webcast Link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=00232b73-5c770258-00231a4c-0cc47a6d17cc-31afca23fe25ca11&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2160>

Nursing Homes (Wednesdays at 4:30 PM Eastern)

Wednesday, June 10th at 4:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 9782909

Audio Webcast Link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=9b60f2d6-c735fbc5-9b60c3e9-0cc47adb5650-5cc8b6ca21a0bb55&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2215>

Dialysis Organizations (Wednesdays at 5:30 PM Eastern)

Wednesday, June 10th at 5:30 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 6553907

Audio Webcast Link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=cb8280fa-97d69986-cb82b1c5-0cc47adc5fa2-2ac51b79b83598dd&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2225>

Nurses (Thursdays at 3:00 PM Eastern)

Thursday, June 11th at 3:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820; Access Passcode: 2863547

Audio Webcast Link: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=842afbda-d87ff2c9-842acae5-0cc47adb5650-f3419d0fb8afb1c7&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=2231>

To keep up with the important work the White House Task Force is doing in response to COVID-19 click here: <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=36fa2226-6aae0b0d-36fa1319-0cc47a6d17cc-2d06c219f858d641&u=http://www.coronavirus.gov/>. For information specific to CMS, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).



HRSA eNews

June 4, 2020

A Message to Our Grantees

As HRSA and Federal grant-awarding agencies everywhere address recipients directly affected by COVID-19, we fully recognize the significant impact this situation has had on many of you.

I encourage you to visit the [HRSA website](#) to get the latest information on how COVID-19 affects HRSA programs -- and how HRSA is working to provide our grantees with support and answers to your most immediate questions. You are our most important priority.

It is encouraging that our latest health center survey shows that HRSA-funded health centers are able to conduct COVID-19 tests for nearly 135,000 people per week. 900 health centers report that they are able to test patients for coronavirus, and of those, more than 70 percent are offering walk-up or drive-up testing.

I am also pleased to share with you that our [Find a Health Center website](#) now shows which health centers can conduct COVID-19 testing.

I appreciate your partnership and patience as we work together to ensure our nation's health and safety. As we move forward together, your work remains integral to our nation's response to the pandemic.

Stay safe. And stay healthy.

Thank you,
Tom Engels
HRSA Administrator



June

- Men's Health Month
- Men's Health Week (15-21)
- National HIV Testing Day (27)

Funding Opportunities

Health Workforce

[Nursing Workforce Diversity-Eldercare Enhancement \(NWD-E2\) Program](#) - Apply by June 4

[Advanced Nursing Education Nurse Practitioner Residency Integration Program \(ANE-NPRIP\)](#) - Apply by June 8

[Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education \(CHGME\) Payment Program](#) - Apply by July 24

HIV/AIDS Bureau

[Reducing Stigma at Systems, Organizational, and Individual Client Levels in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program](#) - Apply by June 8

[Building Capacity to Implement Rapid Antiretroviral Therapy \(ART\) Start for Improved Care Engagement in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program – Implementation Sites](#) - Apply by June 15

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HHS Awards \$20.3 Million to Expand the Addiction Workforce in Underserved Communities



communities that integrate behavioral and primary care services.

June 2 - Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), awarded \$20.3 million to 44 recipients to increase the number of fellows at accredited addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry fellowship programs. The awardees will train addiction specialists at facilities in high need

“This new funding will increase the number of support specialists available to treat Americans with addiction, addressing a serious need that could be exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “President Trump and HHS have prioritized tackling our country's addiction crisis by increasing access to evidence-based treatment services, and HRSA's new Addiction Medicine Fellowship will advance that work.”

[Read the release.](#)

HHS Awards \$15 Million to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic in Rural Tribal Communities

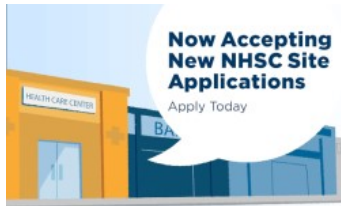
May 28 - Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded \$15 million to 52 Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and other health services providers to Tribes across 20 states to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 in rural tribal communities.



“President Trump stands with Tribal nations across the country as they grapple with COVID-19 in rural communities,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “Today’s funding gives Tribes critical support to build up their capacity for fighting COVID-19, boost testing capabilities, increase purchases of PPE, and hire and pay the personnel they need.”

[Read the release.](#)

NHSC New Site Application Open



Health care facilities can now apply to be approved as a National Health Service Corps (NHSC) site. Eligible sites includes those that provide outpatient, ambulatory and primary health care services (medical, dental, and behavioral health) to people living in high-need urban and rural areas.

Additional, eligible sites include facilities providing general substance use disorder (SUD) Treatment, a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program or an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).

Applications are due **July 21**.

[Learn more about the NHSC new site application.](#)

2020 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment is Going Virtual

In light of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the 2020 National Ryan White Conference on HIV Care and Treatment (NRWC) is officially going virtual! The conference dates will remain **August 11-14, 2020**, but the times will be adjusted to accommodate different time zones. Registered participants are still encouraged to attend the full length of the conference, however the virtual platform would allow for more flexibility.

The health, well-being, and safety of all of our attendees is the top priority for HAB leadership. While



[White HIV/AIDS Program – Evaluation and Technical Assistance Provider](#) - Apply by June 15

[Improving Care and Treatment Coordination: Focusing on Black Women with HIV – Evaluation and Technical Assistance Provider](#) - Apply by June 15

[Improving Care and Treatment Coordination: Focusing on Black Women with HIV – Demonstration Sites](#) - Apply by June 15

Maternal & Child Health

[Supporting Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Screening and Intervention](#) - Apply by June 9

[Strengthening the MCH Public Health Academic Pipeline – Competitive Supplement to the Centers of Excellence in MCH Education, Science, and Practice Program](#) - Apply by June 19

[Innovations in Newborn Screening Interoperability](#) - Apply by July 1

Rural Health

[Telehealth Network Grant Program](#) - Apply by June 15

[Rural Telementoring Training Center](#) - Apply by June 16

[Rural Residency Planning and Development Program](#) - Apply by June 30

[Telehealth Focused Rural Health Research Center Program](#) - Apply by July 1

[Rural HIV/AIDS Planning Program](#) - Apply by July 10

there is not yet sufficient data on whether people with HIV are more susceptible or more likely to develop severe disease, we must take every precaution to reduce any potential risk to the vulnerable population the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program serves.

We know many of the registered attendees and speakers are working on the front lines of the COVID-19 response around the world. This virtual format will allow those on the front line to still have an opportunity to attend the conference and not take them away from the communities they are working hard to serve.

Please note, all Marriott Marquis Washington, DC hotel reservations will be cancelled on behalf of registered attendees. There is no need to contact the hotel to request a reservation cancellation.

Registration is still open and will remain open until **July 31!** If you have not already done so, please visit the [conference website](#) to complete your registration.

The NRWC is also pleased to offer digital exhibiting opportunities. [Submit a request to exhibit](#) today.

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Planning](#) - Apply by July 13

[View All Funding Opportunities](#)

Men's Health Month



June is [Men's Health Month](#). Did you know that men make up 75% of patients waiting for a heart transplant, and about 60% of those waiting for a kidney or liver transplant? Although over half of the deceased donors in 2019 were men, more organs are needed to meet the demand, especially since female organs are often too small for larger men and women in need of transplants. Celebrate Men's Health Month by encouraging all men to sign up as organ, eye, and tissue donors.

To learn more and to sign up, visit <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=8aebe4aa-d6bfcd81-8aebd595-0cc47a6d17cc-6e5d63362b8051e4&u=http://www.organdonor.gov/> or <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=3ca44516-60f06c3d-3ca47429-0cc47a6d17cc-3eba8eedc039aff4&u=http://www.donaciondeorganos.gov/>.

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Recording Now Available for Webinar on Funding Sources for the Establishment and Operationalization of Alternate Care Sites

A recent webinar on Funding Sources for the Establishment and Operationalization of Alternate Care Sites is now available online.

The webinar provided additional information based on the [ACS Funding Summary: Establishment and Operationalization](#) (PDF - 1

A graphic for the ACS Funding Summary webinar, showing a hospital room with a bed and a shower. The text reads: "ACS Funding Summary: Establishment and Operationalization".

ACS Funding Summary:
Establishment and
Operationalization

MB) tip sheet, including various funding options for establishing ACSs, the operation and ongoing administration of ACS, and for direct patient care costs.

The webinar originally aired May 22, 2020, and was sponsored by HHS ASPR's Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE), in collaboration with the HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Task Force,

The [presentation](#) (PDF - 824 KB) and [webinar](#) are now available online.

Check out other [resources from ASPR TRACIE](#).

We Are Seeking Input on Two Requests for Information (RFIs):

Health Professional Shortage Area Scoring Criteria Request for Information (RFI)



We are seeking public input and feedback to inform policy considerations related to changes to scoring criteria for Health Professional Shortage Areas, as described in [this Request for Information \(RFI\)](#).

Information regarding current scoring can be found in a notice published in the Federal Register, 68 Fed. Reg. 32531 (May 30, 2003).

We are also looking for stakeholder input on possible additions or alternative approaches to HPSA scoring. These would include, but are not limited to, new factors, components, or point weighting. We will not accept proposals to expand NHSC eligibility to new provider types or proposals that otherwise go beyond the purview of HPSA scoring. Feedback on the areas of consideration outlined in the RFI, as well as more general feedback or suggestions will be collected through **September 18**.

Email responses to RFIComments@hrsa.gov and reference "Health Professional Shortage Area Scoring Criteria RFI" in the subject line.

Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria Request for Information (RFI)

We are seeking public input and feedback to inform policy considerations related to the establishment of criteria for Maternity Care Health Professional Target Areas, as described in [this Request for Information \(RFI\)](#), and to solicit additional ideas and suggestions from the public related to the RFI's topic areas.

The requirements of the Public Health Service Act, Section 332(k)(5); (42 USC §254e(k)(5)) define the term "full scope maternity care" as health services provided during labor care, birthing, prenatal care, and postpartum care. Feedback on the areas of consideration outlined in the RFI, as well as more general feedback or suggestions will be collected through **September 18**.

Email responses to RFIComments@hrsa.gov and reference “Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria RFI” in the subject line.

Note: While we welcome input from all stakeholders and parties with an interest in our mission, we specifically seek input from those with knowledge of public health strategies to improve maternal health and maternity care delivery. This includes, but is not limited to: relevant provider organizations; medical societies; organizations representing medical facilities; or other organizations with expertise in maternity care.

[Awards for Delta States Rural Development Network.](#) The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy awarded approximately [\\$12 million to 12 awardees](#) for the 2020 Delta States Rural Development Network Program. This three-year program will support organizations located in the eight Delta States (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee) to promote the planning, implementation, and development of health care networks at the community level. These health care networks consist of partner organizations working together to address unmet local health needs and health disparities in the rural Delta region.

[HHS Makes Awards to Combat COVID-19 in Rural Tribal Communities.](#) The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) awarded \$15 million to 52 Tribes, Tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and other health services providers to Tribes across 20 states to prepare, prevent, and respond to COVID-19 in rural tribal communities.

[HHS Makes Awards to Expand the Addiction Workforce.](#) On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) awarded \$20.3 million to 44 recipients to increase the number of fellows at accredited addiction medicine and addiction psychiatry fellowship programs. The awardees will train addiction specialists at facilities in high need communities that integrate behavioral and primary care services. Addiction specialists have the knowledge and skills to provide comprehensive behavioral healthcare to under-served populations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[TRACIE Report on COVID-19 Challenges to Rural Health.](#) The Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (TRACIE) is a site created by the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. In this report, TRACIE explains and provides data for pandemic challenges specific to rural populations and health care facilities. More information and [resources for emergency preparation and response](#) can be found on the TRACIE website.

[GAO: Infection Control Deficiencies in Nursing Homes Before the Pandemic.](#) The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is [an independent, nonpartisan agency](#) that works for Congress. For this report, the GAO found that about 40 percent of surveyed nursing homes had infection prevention and control deficiencies from 2013 to 2019.

[ARHQ: Hospital Burden of Opioid-Related Inpatient Stays.](#) The Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ) examines the costs of opioid-related hospitalizations, with a comparison of metropolitan and rural hospitals. The report is part of [AHRQs Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project](#), a collection of data and analysis tools to enable research on a broad range of health policy issues.

[Learning About Local Health Workforce Through Commute Patterns.](#) To learn more about the available supply of nurses and allied health workers at local levels, researchers at the University of Washington Center for Health Workforce Studies looked at commute patterns found in the [American Community Survey](#). The report says a key takeaway for researchers and workforce planners is a need to measure local supply based not only on where people report working, but also where they live.

[Federal Office of Rural Health Policy FAQs for COVID-19.](#) A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from our grantees and stakeholders, updated regularly.

[COVID-19 FAQs and Funding for HRSA Programs.](#) Find all funding and frequently asked questions for programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

[CDC COVID-19 Updates](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides daily updates and guidance, and ongoing [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\)](#).

[Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties](#). The RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis provides up-to-date data and maps on rural and urban confirmed cases throughout the United States. [An animated map shows the progression of cases beginning January 21](#).

[Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#). The Rural Health Information Hub has created a guide to help you learn about activities underway to address COVID-19.

Funding and Opportunities

Please note that many deadlines for Federal funding opportunities have been extended. See [Approaching Deadlines](#) section below.

[Dept. of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions – June 26](#). The U.S. Department of the Treasury will invest more than \$173 million to finance housing, workforce, and economic development in low-income communities. Eligible applicants are Treasury-certified [Community Development Financial Institutions](#) (CDFIs) and non-profits that have affordable housing as a principal purpose. For more information on how these institutions work, read the [CDFI Fund's FY2019 Year in Review](#).

[Nominations for Community Preventive Services Task Force – June 26](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is seeking new members to serve a five-year term on this panel of public health and prevention experts providing evidence-based findings and recommendations about community preventive services, programs, and policies to improve health.

[ACF Fatherhood FIRE Program – July 1](#). The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) will make 68 awards with a total investment of \$68 million for the Fatherhood – Family-focused, Interconnected, Resilient, and Essential (FIRE) program. The purpose is to promote responsible fatherhood under three broad ACF categories: 1) promoting or sustaining marriage, 2) responsible parenting, 3) economic stability. Eligible applicants are state, local, and Tribal governments that can propose a local program model for a specific population – e.g., rural or urban, re-entering community from incarceration, tribal community – but not multiple models for multiple populations.

[RWJF Rapid-Response Research on Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs – July 1](#). The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has a limited amount of rapid-response research funds available to commission: 1) issue briefs/commentaries or papers/research reviews and; 2) small studies to explore the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on nutrition and diet quality, food security, and related health consequences for children and families.

[Dept. of Education School-Based Mental Health Services – July 13](#). The U.S. Department of Education will make five awards with a total investment of \$10 million to increase the number of qualified mental health service providers in local schools. Eligible applicants are State Education Agencies.

[HUD Hospital Mortgage Insurance Program – Ongoing](#). The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides mortgage insurance for acute care hospital facilities ranging from large teaching institutions to small Critical Access Hospitals. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

Rural Health Research

Research in this section is provided by the HRSA/FORHP-supported Rural Health Research Gateway. [Sign up to receive alerts](#) when new publications become available.

[Access to Medicare Part D Plans: A Comparison of Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Areas](#). The Medicare Part D program allows Medicare beneficiaries to add prescription drugs to their Medicare coverage. Within Medicare, two plans - Part D prescription plans and Medicare Advantage prescription plans– offer an array of payment options and benefits. Researchers

at the RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis found that Medicare Advantage prescription drug coverage plans were offered in lower numbers of noncore counties, had higher monthly premiums, and were less likely to offer enhanced benefits.

Policy Updates

Visit the [FORHP Policy page](#) to see all recent updates and send questions to ruralpolicy@hrsa.gov.

[Fact Sheet on Developing Hospital Alternate Care Sites \(ACS\)](#). Last week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released instructions for State and local governments, hospitals, and other providers to obtain payments for inpatient and outpatient care furnished at an alternate care site through CMS programs – Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). [An ACS is any building or structure of opportunity that is temporarily converted for healthcare use](#). Urban and rural governments and providers may use these structures to expand capacity for providing care during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Learning Events and Technical Assistance

[SAMHSA Best Practices/ Preventing Suicide Among Veterans](#) – Tuesday, June 10 at 1:30 pm ET. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has a center dedicated to Service Members, Veterans, and their Families called SMVF. During this two-hour webinar, the SMVF Technical Assistance Center will focus on the core elements of their process for finding community service gaps and opportunities for intervening and responding to crises.

[RWJF: Using Data to Address Income Inequality](#) – Tuesday, June 16 at 3:00 pm ET. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) will share data tools for using key social and financial health indicators to address income inequality at the local level.

Resource of the Week

[CDC Guidance for Agriculture Workers and Employers/COVID-19](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created work site guidance for COVID-19 prevention and control in employer-furnished worker housing, transportation vehicles, and work settings.

Approaching Deadlines

[DOL National Emergency Grants for Dislocated Workers](#) – Ongoing

[FEMA Public Assistance Program: COVID-19 Response](#) – Ongoing

[Small Business Administration Coronavirus Relief Programs](#) – Ongoing

[Payment Deferrals: USDA Guaranteed Loans for Rural Development](#) – Until September 30

[HRSA Nursing Workforce Diversity-Eldercare Enhancement Program](#) – June 4

[USDA Food and Agriculture Service Learning Program](#) – June 4

[Rural Training Track Program Director Development](#) – June 7

[NIH Utilizing Cohort Studies to Address Outcomes in Cancer Survivors](#) – June 7

[CDC Drug Free Communities](#) – Extended to June 8

[HRSA Nurse Practitioner Residency Integration Program](#) – June 8

[Comments Requested: Proposed Rule for Hospice Providers](#) – June 9

[Comments Requested: Proposed Updates for FY 2021 Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities](#) – June 9

[Comments Requested: Proposed Rule for Skilled Nursing Facilities](#) – June 9

[HRSA Supporting Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Screening and Intervention Program](#) – June 9

[DOJ Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction](#) – June 11

[AHRQ Evaluating Health System Response to COVID-19](#) – June 15

[CDC Reducing the Burden of Parasitic Infections in the United States](#) – June 15

[Comments Requested: CMS Proposed Rule for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities](#) – June 15

[DOL Senior Community Service Employment Program](#) – June 15

[HRSA Demonstration Sites Focusing on Black Women with HIV](#) – June 15

[HRSA Telehealth Network Grant Program](#) – Extended to June 15

[Comments Requested: CDC Data Collection for COVID-19 Response](#) – June 16

[Comments Requested: Perspectives on Pain and Pain Management](#) – June 16

[HRSA Rural Telementoring Training Center](#) – June 16

[USDA Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network](#) – June 23

[DHS Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project](#) – June 24

[IHS/NIH Native American Research Centers for Health](#) – Letters of Intent June 24

[HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program](#) – June 25

[ACL Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) – June 26

[Dept. of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions](#) – June 26

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Upcoming Funding Opportunity Announcement: *Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)*

NIMHD is partnering with other Institutes and Centers at the National Institute of Health to support an upcoming funding opportunity announcement (FOA): **NOT-MD-20-023** *Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations* (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional).

The FOA solicits research to evaluate community interventions testing:

1. The impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups
2. Already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, sociocultural, behavioral and socioeconomic consequences of COVID-19 on the health of these groups

Researchers are encouraged to partner with community organizations, health service providers, public health agencies, policymakers, and other stakeholders to prepare and submit applications.

Expected application due date: July 2020

For inquiries related to NIMHD's scientific and research involvement concerning this FOA, contact Dr. Jennifer Alvidrez, at jennifer.alvidrez@nih.gov.

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A banner for the "HEALTH EQUITY LINK" campaign. On the left is the logo for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH), which includes a stylized bird icon and the text "OMH U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health". To the right of the logo are icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, a "blog" button, and an email icon. Below these icons is the text "June 2020 | [View as a webpage](#)". The main part of the banner is a collage of six photographs showing diverse groups of people: a man with a baby, a woman with a child, a man smiling, a woman with a child, a woman in a yellow top, and a group of people including a healthcare professional. At the bottom of the banner, the text "HEALTH EQUITY LINK" is written in large white letters on a blue background. To the right of this text is the OMH logo and the text "U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health".

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Men's Health Month



June is [Men's Health Month](#), a time to encourage men to take control of their health, and for families to teach young boys healthy habits throughout childhood. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), men in the United States, on average, die five years earlier than women and die at higher rates from the three leading causes of death, heart disease, cancer and unintentional injuries.

To help raise awareness, the HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) will focus on promoting the Five Plays for Men's Health to encourage men and their families to practice and implement healthy decisions and habits. The plays will highlight the importance of heart health, daily exercise, regular check-ups, smoking dangers and mental health.

[Men's Health Week](#) (June 15-21) is observed the week before Father's Day and serves to promote early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys. Make sure to wear something blue to celebrate [Wear Blue Day](#) on June 19 and encourage others to join you in showing support for men's health.

Visit our [Men's Health Month webpage](#) for the Five Plays for Men's Health, downloadable materials and access to men's health resources.

[Learn More](#)

Active & Healthy

OMH continues to motivate Americans to stay Active & Healthy in and around their homes and advance mental and emotional wellness during these uncertain times. Through simple and creative steps, everyone can keep their minds and bodies active while adhering to the [social distancing guidelines](#) to stop the spread of COVID-19.

According to the [Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion](#), physical activity can help boost your mood, sharpen your focus, reduce your stress, and improve your sleep. The [National Institutes of Health](#) have also developed six strategies for improving your emotional health in order to help your emotional wellness.

Encourage others to take active and healthy steps towards better health by sharing resources, [downloading our graphics](#), and using the hashtags #ActiveandHealthy and #EmotionalWellness.



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Sickle Cell Disease Training and Mentoring Program (STAMP)



The [Sickle Cell Disease \(SCD\) Training and Mentoring Program \(STAMP\)](#) is a collaboration between OMH, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and the HRSA Bureau of Primary Health Care. STAMP is a free telehealth series taught by hematologists for primary care providers. The program trains primary care providers on the basics of sickle cell disease care such as pain management, hydroxyurea, and preventive services. Trainings this month include:

- Wednesday, June 10, 2020 | 12 PM ET: Contraceptives in SCD
- Tuesday, June 23, 2020 | 5 PM ET: Telemedicine in SCD

Visit [our sickle cell disease site](#) to register and learn more about upcoming trainings.

World Sickle Cell Day (June 19)

June 19 is World Sickle Cell Day and OMH joins in sharing resources and information about sickle cell disease. According to the [CDC](#), in someone living with sickle cell disease, the red blood cells become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a “sickle.” This shape can cause pain and other serious problems such as infection, acute chest syndrome and stroke.

Sickle cell disease is estimated to:

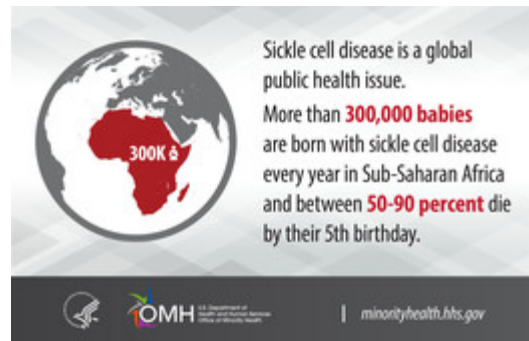
- Affect approximately 100,000 Americans.
- Occur among about 1 out of every 365 Black or African American births.
- Occur among about 1 out of every 16,300 Hispanic American births.
- Affect more than 300,000 babies every year in Sub-Saharan Africa.

To address the needs of those living with the disease worldwide, HHS joined the [global community last year](#) in a roundtable discussion on how to improve the identification and care of sickle cell disease in Africa. Furthermore, HHS is committed to extending the lives of Americans with sickle cell disease by 10 years, within 10 years.

People with sickle cell disease can live full lives and enjoy most of the activities that other people do. [OMH Sickle Cell Stories](#) give individuals who are living their healthiest lives with sickle cell, the chance to share their testimonies of what it’s like to live with the disease and how it impacts everyday life.

Visit the [OMH sickle cell disease website](#) for resources, webinars, testimonies, downloadable graphics and more.

[Learn More](#)



National HIV Testing Day (June 27)



NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

Get tested. Share your story. Use the hashtag. #DoingItMyWay



#DoingItMyWay

JUNE 27

According to HIV.gov, National HIV Testing Day was first observed on June 27, 1995. Nearly 25 years later, the observance continues to urge people to get tested for HIV in order to know their status. About [one in seven](#) people living with HIV don't know it and an estimated 38,000 new HIV infections still occur in the United States each year.

The federal response to the epidemic has led to various initiatives and programs including:

- [Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America](#)
- [Ready, Set, PrEP](#)
- [The Minority HIV/AIDS Fund](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources on PrEP and Liver Disease](#)

Talk with your loved ones about getting [tested](#) and share resources to help spread HIV awareness.

[Learn More](#)

Knowledge Center

In observance of Men's Health Month, the Knowledge Center is highlighting its collection of recent publications related to the health of minority men. To access some recent publications on men's health for minority groups, [click here](#).

[Learn More](#)





Pandemic Challenges Highlight the Importance of the New Era of Smarter Food Safety *By: Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and Frank Yiannas, Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response*

In March, we were a few days away from announcing the release of the New Era of Smarter Food Safety Blueprint when the FDA's focus turned to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our plans for the New Era initiative were rightfully put on hold in order to prioritize the agency's COVID-19 response. As a public health agency, we will always prioritize any threat to the health of the American people.

The FDA will release the blueprint in the coming weeks, outlining our plans over the next decade to create a more digital, traceable, and safer food system. The challenges that have arisen during the pandemic have made it clear that the actions called for in the blueprint will strengthen how we approach the safety and security of the food supply, not just in the normal course of events but especially in times of crisis.

In fact, over the past few months we have revised the blueprint in light of the lessons learned during the pandemic. It is clear that COVID-19 has accelerated the need for these measures. Some elements of the blueprint are particularly meaningful now, and we'd like to touch on these, starting with tech-enabled traceability.

Enhanced Traceability Could Increase Supply Chain Visibility



Stephen M. Hahn, M.D.

Emerging technologies, such as blockchain, make it easier to track and trace products through the supply chain – from the time that they are grown or manufactured, until purchased by a consumer, and back through the supply chain. When the agency originally developed the blueprint, we knew that these new technologies could be game changers in facilitating a more rapid trace back of a contaminated food to its source in the event of a foodborne outbreak.

What became clear during the pandemic is that enhanced traceability is also a helpful tool in understanding supply chain impacts in the event of a public health emergency. Enhanced traceability, coupled with advanced analytical tools, could provide greater supply chain visibility and potentially help the FDA and industry anticipate the kind of marketplace imbalances that resulted in the temporary spot shortages of certain commodities we’ve seen in recent months. And it could help us anticipate and help mitigate the kind of food waste we saw when food producers lost customers in restaurants, schools, and other entities temporarily shuttered by the pandemic. In other words, we believe a digitized food system is likely to be a stronger, more agile, and resilient food system.

Smarter Tools for Prevention, Protections for Foods Ordered Online

The blueprint calls for the use of smarter tools, such as root cause analyses to understand how a food became contaminated and predictive analytics that use data to anticipate the likelihood of contamination. And it also calls for other new tools to be explored, such as virtual or remote inspections (which we started as a result of the pandemic), which would have been invaluable in the current public health emergency.

Another New Era focus identified in the blueprint is the safety of foods ordered online and delivered directly to consumers. We’ve seen this trend steadily increase over the years, but it has skyrocketed as families sheltering in place order foods from restaurants and grocery stores online and by phone, often for the first time. So, this question becomes even more important – how do we ensure that these foods are produced, packed, and transported safely directly to consumers? Here again, the need for best practices has been accelerated by COVID-19.

Food Safety Culture on the Farms, in Food Facilities, and at Home

Last but not least, the New Era speaks to the establishment and support of food safety cultures on farms, in food facilities, and at home. The pandemic shined a light on what it truly means to have a food safety culture. It’s about the people who work on farms and in facilities accepting responsibility for producing safe foods and also about keeping those people safe when co-workers are sick. It’s about educating consumers on the best food safety practices when cooking at home, which more people are doing now. Taking responsibility and protecting each other is not just the foundation of a food safety

culture; it mirrors one of the primary lessons from COVID-19, that we – government, industry and consumers – must all work together to help keep each other safe.



Frank Yiannas

For all the recent challenges, we have been greatly impressed by the resilience of the food system. Despite all the pressures and all the imbalances, consumers can still go to the supermarket or go online and have access to thousands of safe food products, which is a tribute to the commitment of the food industry.

We have been equally struck by the positive impact of partnerships between the FDA and our local and state regulatory and public health counterparts, and the strength of relationships between federal partners – including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration – and the food industry. We all have the same goals: to ensure that consumers have access to the foods they need and to protect the food industry workers who have made that possible.

Partnership is a theme woven throughout the New Era Blueprint – and our partners stepped up in a big way during this crisis. The collaboration between government and industry especially was raised by many magnitudes. This bodes well for the New Era, which relies on close collaboration between the FDA and stakeholders in the public and private sectors to keep foods safe.

We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of the FDA staff in the agency’s pandemic response and their foresight in looking to the future. Even though the blueprint release has been on hold, work has continued to begin identifying short- and long-term deliverables, pull together implementation teams in priority areas of work, and further build the internal infrastructure needed to support this work.

When the FDA announced the [New Era of Smarter Food Safety](https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/pandemic-challenges-highlight-importance-new-era-smarter-food-safety) initiative last year, the agency was convinced then that its time had come. Now, we know that these are the changes we should embrace, and that this is the path forward to a future in which we are well-equipped to protect the safety and security of our food supply no matter what challenges we face. We will get there together, stronger and more resilient than ever. <https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices/pandemic-challenges-highlight-importance-new-era-smarter-food-safety>

For members of the press, if you have additional questions, please contact FDA’s Office of Media Affairs at: fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov

For other partners that have additional questions, you can contact us at: ORAInfo@fda.hhs.gov

Thank you for your continuous support!



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This message includes updates on the COVID-19 response from CDC. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated on the COVID-19 Situation Summary as it becomes available.

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

June 8, 2020

This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

Communication Toolkit

CDC created this communication toolkit to help public health professionals, health departments, community organizations, and healthcare systems and providers reach populations who may need COVID-19 prevention messaging in their native languages.

[More Info](#)

Highlighted Resources

[COVID-19 Contact Tracing Communications Toolkit for Health Departments](#): This toolkit provides messages for health departments about contact tracing. The messages in this toolkit include talking points, public service announcements, and social media posts.

[Spanish Communication Resources](#): This website provides communication resources for Spanish-speaking audiences. The resources include videos, print documents, and public service announcements.

[When You Can be Around Others](#): This webpage provides information for people who had or likely had COVID-19. People can use the information on this page to determine when it is safe for them to leave their house and be with others.

[Stop the Spread of Germs](#): This animation shows ways people can help stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

[Cases, Data, and Surveillance](#): This webpage provides the latest information about case and death counts, laboratory testing, hospitalization rates, and more.

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Resources and Guidance

[Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)

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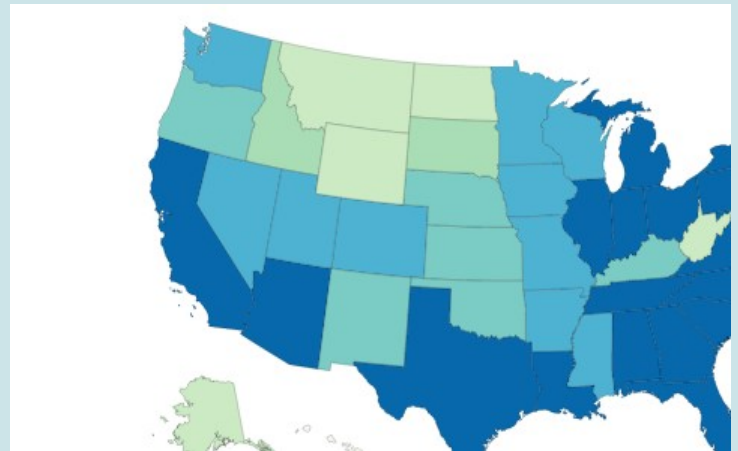
Resources are also available in [Spanish](#), [Simplified Chinese](#), [Vietnamese](#), and [Korean](#).

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

As of June 8, 2020

In the United States, there have been 1,938,823 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



U.S. Cases



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Agricultural Workers and Employers

We are pleased to share that CDC and the Department of Labor jointly developed and have released new interim COVID-19 guidance for agricultural workers and employers. It is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-agricultural-workers.html>.

This guidance provides a template of action to protect agriculture workers from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Agricultural employers can adapt these recommendations to protect workers at their particular work sites or in specific work operations.

Questions concerning this guidance may be directed to ruralhealth@cdc.gov.

CDC Rural Health Team

How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings

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Cloth face coverings are an additional step to help slow the spread of COVID-19 when combined with [every day preventive actions](#) and [social distancing](#).

- **Who should NOT use cloth face coverings:** children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or unable to hold a mask without assistance
- **Cloth face coverings are NOT surgical masks or N-95 respirators.** Surgical masks and N-95 respirators must be reserved for health care workers and first responders, as recommended in CDC guidance.

Wear your

mask
fitting on your face
mouth and secure it under
the sides of your face
easily



Face Covering Correctly

covering
your chin

to Protect

others
to help protect others in case
you have symptoms, wear a
face covering the entire time
you are in public and around
others, and your neck or up on
your forehead, and, if you do, wash your hands

Others

you're infected but don't have symptoms
you're in public
your forehead

Follow Everyday Health Habits

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

Take Off Your Cloth Face Covering Carefully, When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine (learn more about [how to wash cloth face coverings](#))
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Free and confidential support for people in distress

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Get Help –

We can all help prevent suicide.

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

FindTreatment.gov is an important resource to help Americans looking for substance abuse treatment for themselves or their loved ones find the right type of treatment.

Grow, William

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Subject: Epidemiology Daily Sit Rep, 6/8/20
Attachments: COVID-19_Epi SitRep_6-8-2020.docx

Hi all

Attached please find today's Epidemiology SitRep. This document is for internal situational awareness only, not public nor media.

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Subject: COVID-19 Long Term Care Facility Report
Attachments: HFR COVID-19 Report FULL 6.8.2020.xls; HFR COVID-19 Report Posted 6.8.2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities. The pdf version will be posted on the website by 7 pm this evening.

Today's count is 422 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,106 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
3,013 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,119 Resident Deaths
2,655 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 67.8% of residents tested
48% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 88% of residents tested and 54.8% of staff tested.

Best Regards,

Melanie

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Turner Center for the Arts Presents Music in the Art Park, Summer Concert Series

The Turner Center for the Arts will launch the first concert of its Music in the Park Summer Concert Series, on Friday, June 12, from 7-9 p.m., in the Art Park located at 605 N. Patterson Street.

GMA Executive Director Larry Hanson: Leadership in a Time of Crisis

As we navigate through these unprecedented times, I continue to be so impressed by the leadership and dedication of our city officials. Our cities and those who lead them have adapted quickly and successfully and uncovered new ways of conducting business, delivering services and protecting the public and employees.

Survey: Boards Face Growing Challenges & Sharp Divide Over Pandemic's Impact on Sustainability

New survey results show that most US public company boards have stepped up their efforts in the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, but shutting down businesses may have been the easy part.



News

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Recent Features

Georgia Voting Adapts: Surges Past 1 Million Vote Milestone

Georgia voters have cast over 1 million ballots with less than one week to go until the June 9 statewide elections. Even as COVID-19 has complicated elections in other states, the office of the Secretary of State and local elections officials have maintained numerous different avenues for Georgia voters to exercise their right to vote.

U.S. Chamber Launches National Initiative to Address Inequality of Opportunity

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce today announced a national townhall on June 25th as part of an ongoing initiative to address inequality of

opportunity through education, employment, entrepreneurship, and criminal justice reform.

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Oops, sorry, I found this in my outbox, didn't send last night. This is yesterday's sitrep.

Hi all

Attached please find today's Epidemiology SitRep. This document is for internal situational awareness only, not public nor media.

Cherie Drenzek

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Good morning,

Attached is the daily report of COVID-19 outbreak statistics for long term care facilities. The pdf version was posted on our website last evening.

There are 413 facilities with one or more COVID-19 positive residents and/or staff.

Additional statistics: 6,084 COVID-19 Positive Residents (cumulative)
2,840 Residents Recovered from COVID-19
1,103 Resident Deaths
2,595 COVID-19 Positive Staff (cumulative)

Testing: 66.7% of residents tested
46% of staff tested

For Nursing Homes, specifically: Testing numbers are 86.5% of residents tested and 51.9% of staff tested.

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Subject: This week's Emerging Potential Areas of Concern

Hi all

Attached please find our "Rapid Detection of Hotspots" Report for this week as well as a slide deck summarizing CDC's COVID data in Georgia (with my interpretations on the slides); all align well.

Executive Summary

- During 5/25-5/31, our weekly statewide case numbers decreased by 13% relative to the week before (from 5527 to 4799)
- Overall, we are seeing increases in metro Atlanta (Gwinnett, DeKalb, Fulton), the Columbus area, several counties in NW Georgia, south Georgia, and the southern coast.
- The south GA increases (Colquitt, Lowndes, Decatur, Tift, others) can be attributed to outbreaks among migrant farm workers
- We are seeing evidence of increased testing at SPOCs--several counties with increases are not only related to/attribution to ongoing outbreaks (Clarke, Coweta, Jackson, Muscogee)

Other select emerging areas of concern/potential "hotspots" (and attribution if known):

- Chattahoochee (Ft Benning mass testing <https://connectingvets.radio.com/articles/fort-benning-confirms-142-covid-19-cases-in-2-battalions>)

- Colquitt (at least 5 farm outbreaks since 5/22 and a LTCF outbreak)
- Franklin (large outbreak in Rehab facility)
- Glynn (2 LTCF outbreaks)
- Madison (LTCF outbreak)
- Walker (large LTCF outbreak--NHC Healthcare and Shaw Carpet Manufacturing outbreak--Catoosa County also involved in this Shaw outbreak)
- Polk (ongoing manufacturing facility outbreak)
- Whitfield (1 food production facility and 1 manufacturing facility outbreak)

Metro Atlanta increases are likely related to increased testing, outbreaks, and spread, without a single attribution-- we will have to monitor closely. Gwinnett had been increasing a lot last week, but perhaps we are starting to see some steadying/decreases now.

We will keep monitoring and will share all of this with the District Epis as well.
Cherie

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Georgia Voting Adapts: Surges Past 1 Million Vote Milestone

Georgia voters have cast over 1 million ballots with less than one week to go until the June 9 statewide elections. Even as COVID-19 has complicated elections in other states, the office of the Secretary of State and local elections officials have maintained numerous different avenues for Georgia voters to exercise their right to vote.

U.S. Chamber Launches National Initiative to Address Inequality of Opportunity

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce today announced a national townhall on June 25th as part of an ongoing initiative to address inequality of opportunity through education, employment, entrepreneurship, and criminal justice reform.



News

[Study: the Places in Georgia With the Most Purchasing Power](#)

[Anthem Reaffirms Commitment to Consumers, Care Providers and Communities during COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[Senator Perdue Announces 2020 Service Academy Appointments](#)

[Georgia Society of Professional Engineers: Rippling Supply Chain Disruptions](#)

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Georgia Senators Express
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Food Lion to Expand its Store
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Survey: 77% of HR Leaders
Expect More Teleworking, Even
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Community Ties: Understanding
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Program (4:07)**



**Charles Johnson on the
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Cybersecurity (1:19)**



GDEcD's Mary Waters on Helping Georgia Companies Gain Access to International Markets (1:12)



Rodney Carr on Student Success Initiatives at VSU (3:19)

Recent Features

Delta Will Block Middle-Seat Selection, Cap Cabin Seating Through Sept. 30th

Delta is extending our commitment to make more space for safer travel by continuing to block the selection of middle seats and capping seating in every cabin through Sept. 30, 2020.

Small Business Employment Shows Slight Improvement in May, But Remains Near Historic Low

The latest Paychex | IHS Markit Small Business Employment Watch shows that employment growth improved slightly in May, up 0.25 percent, as stay-at-home orders eased in most states.

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HHS Region 4 Health News – June 30, 2020

For the most current information about COVID-19, please follow CDC on social media and sign up for the newsletter to receive weekly emails about the COVID-19 outbreak.

President Trump Signs Historic Child Welfare Executive Order

Child welfare system strengthened through more partnerships, resources, and oversight

President Trump acted to strengthen America’s child welfare system by signing a historic Executive Order (EO) aimed at improving outcomes for children and families. This EO focuses on three key areas of action: improving partnerships, improving resources, and improving oversight.

“President Trump’s executive order demonstrates how his administration has prioritized placing each of America’s foster kids with the loving, permanent family they deserve,” said **HHS Secretary Alex Azar**. “Since the President took office, we have focused on promoting adoption unlike any previous administration, and we’ve begun to see results. The President’s executive order lays out bold reforms for our work with states, communities, and faith-based partners to build a brighter future for American kids who are in foster care or in crisis.”

“Our number one goal is to help our children and youth by making improvements to our child welfare system, and I’m incredibly grateful to President Trump for taking this monumental action today,” said the **Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Assistant Secretary Lynn Johnson**. “These strong actions support vulnerable children and youth nationwide by advancing measures to reduce child abuse and neglect, encouraging family preservation, and strengthening adoption and other forms of permanency for America’s kids.”

For more information please visit today’s press release [here](#) and the ACF fact sheet [here](#).

Trump Administration Secures New Supplies of Remdesivir for the United States

On Monday, the Department of Health and Human Services announced an agreement to secure large supplies of the drug remdesivir for the United States from Gilead Sciences through September, allowing American hospitals to purchase the drug in amounts allocated by HHS and state health departments.

“President Trump has struck an amazing deal to ensure Americans have access to the first authorized therapeutic for COVID-19,” said HHS Secretary Alex Azar. “To the extent possible, we want to ensure that any American patient who needs remdesivir can get it. The Trump Administration is doing everything in our power to learn more about life-saving therapeutics for COVID-19 and secure access to these options for the American people.”

HHS has secured more than 500,000 treatment courses of the drug for American hospitals through September. This represents 100 percent of Gilead’s projected production for July (94,200 treatment courses), 90 percent of production in August (174,900 treatment courses), and 90 percent of production in September (232,800 treatment courses), in addition to an allocation for clinical trials. A treatment course of remdesivir is, on average, 6.25 vials. [Read more here.](#)

Community Health News

[Rural Community Toolbox.Org Launches](#)

Yesterday, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and Senior Administration Officials launched the Rural Community Toolbox [website](#), a clearinghouse for funding and resources to support rural leaders in addressing substance use disorder (SUD) and the opioid crisis.

[National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report](#)

This newly released report from the U.S. Office of Veteran Affairs reflects the most current national data on the rate of deaths from suicide, including the tragic finding that the number of Veteran suicides has exceeded 6,000 each year from 2008 to 2017. The report provides an overview and status report on current evidence-based clinical interventions and the expansion of community prevention strategies to reach each Veteran.

[June 27 is National HIV Testing Day](#)

First observed on June 27, 1995, National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) is a day to encourage people to [get tested for HIV](#), know their status, and get linked to care and treatment. For more information visit the [HIV/AIDS and PrEP resource](#) website. You can also share the [Let's Stop HIV Together](#) campaign. The CDC has also compiled information on [HIV self-testing](#), a method of providing HIV diagnostic services in the time of COVID-19.

[Toolkit: Advancing the Uptake and Use of PrEP in Indian Country](#)

This toolkit explores ways in which AI/AN Tribes, Tribal organizations, community members, leaders, and service providers can build relationships and strengthen the systems needed to incorporate PrEP into medical practice, social norms, and community culture. It also provides tools, language and conversation starters to bring PrEP into a community

Webinars

[Improving Mental Health Care by Understanding the Culture of Farming and Rural Communities](#)

Thurs., June 25, 2020, 12:00 p.m. EDT, Register [here](#).

Part one in a [three-part](#) webinar series will address the mental health crisis and unique stressors caused by COVID-19 within farming and rural/frontier communities. Learn more about the series [here](#).

[Culture is Prevention: Virtual Learning Sessions](#)

Series begins Wed., July 8, 2:00 p.m. EDT, Register [here](#).

Despite recent progress, health disparities continue to be a challenge among Latino/Hispanic, Native Americans, and Alaska Natives, compared with the US population as a whole. This [series](#) of virtual learning sessions will address culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention services for these unique populations.

[Trauma Informed Care Through the Lens of COVID-19](#)

Tues., June 30th and Wed., July 1st, 12:00 p.m. EDT, Register [here](#).

This two-part webinar series will address the traumatic impact of COVID-19 on communities. The first webinar will look at some of the basics of trauma and some of the effects of COVID-19 on trauma. It will also look at ways to strengthen trauma-informed settings while avoiding re-traumatization in service delivery.

COVID-19 Related News and Information

[HHS Announces Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine to Fight COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities](#)

HHS's Office of Minority Health (OMH) announced the selection of the Morehouse School of Medicine as the awardee for a new \$40 million initiative to fight COVID-19 in racial and ethnic minority, rural, and socially vulnerable communities. The initiative – the National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities (NIMIC) – is a three-year project designed to work with community-based organizations across the nation to deliver education and information on resources to help fight the pandemic.

[HHS Experts Testify on the Administration's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

There is a tremendous amount to be learned from Tuesday's "Hearing on Oversight of the Trump Administration's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic" with subject matter experts from HHS appearing before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. You can find the full text of testimony [here](#).

[Challenge Seeks Online Tool to Help Socially Isolated Americans Connect and Engage](#)

This week HHS launched the MENTAL Health Challenge to combat the social isolation and loneliness that older adults, people with disabilities, and veterans often experience. A total of \$750,000 in prizes will be awarded for development of an easy-to-use online system that offers recommendations for programs, activities, and resources that can help users connect to others and engage in the community, based on their individual needs, interests, and abilities.

[Updated FAQs on FFCRA and the CARES Act](#)

CMS updated FAQs regarding the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and other health coverage issues related to COVID-19.

Grants and Opportunities

[Economic Development Assistance Programs Including CARES Act Funding](#)

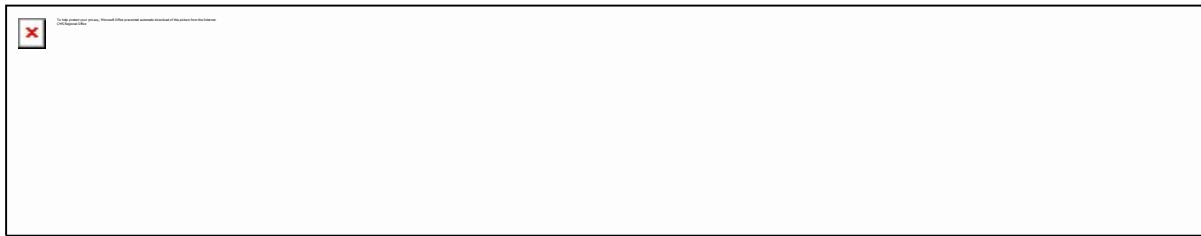
PWEAA 2020 The Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration's (EDA's) Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program grants support the implementation of regional

economic development, including public works projects and job creation projects. Past projects have included funding for water and wastewater projects in hospitals and healthcare facilities and road infrastructure projects that would support the expansion of healthcare facilities. With the inclusion of CARES Act funding, the grant program will provide a wide-range of financial assistance as communities respond to, and recover from, the effect of the coronavirus pandemic. [View additional information.](#)

[Rural Health Fellows Program](#)

A year-long, intensive fellowship program designed to develop a community of rural health leaders.

Application Deadline: Sep 3, 2020.



CMS Announces Plans to End the Blanket Waiver Requiring Nursing Homes to Submit Staffing Data

Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced plans to end the emergency blanket waiver requiring all nursing homes to resume submitting staffing data through the Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ) system by August 14, 2020. The PBJ system allows CMS to collect nursing home staffing information which impacts the quality of care residents receive. The blanket waiver was intended to temporarily allow the agency to concentrate efforts on combating COVID-19 and reduce administrative burden on nursing homes so they could focus on patient health and safety during this public health emergency.

The memorandum released today also provides updates related to staffing and quality measures used on the Nursing Home Compare website and the Five Star Rating System.

To view the memorandum to states and nursing home stakeholders, visit:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfo/policy-and-memos-states-and/changes-staffing-information-and-quality-measures-posted-nursing-home-compare-website-and-five-star>

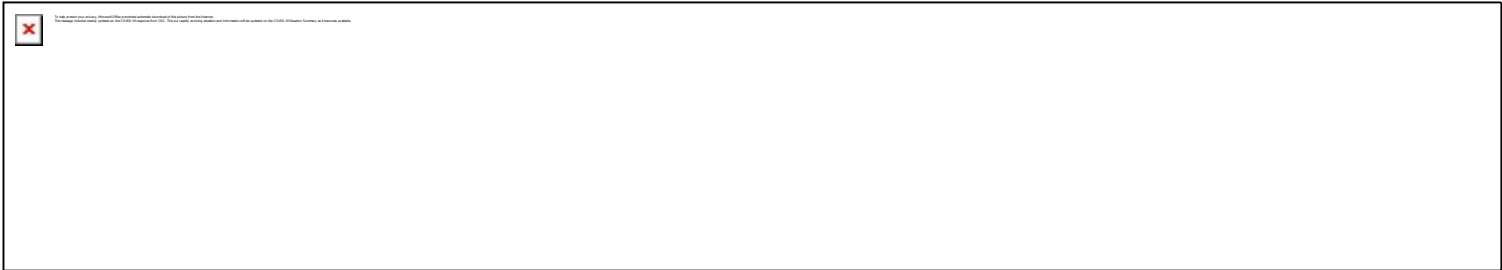


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This message includes updates on the [COVID-19](#) response from CDC. The COVID-19 Outbreak is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.

People Who Are at Increased Risk for Severe Illness

Everyone is at risk for getting COVID-19 if they are exposed to the virus, but some people are more likely to become severely ill, which means they may require hospitalization, intensive care, a ventilator, or they may even die. Among adults, the risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk. People of any age with certain underlying medical conditions are also at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

[More Info](#)

Considerations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain. Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age

of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

More Info

Highlighted Resources

[Stop the Spread of Rumors](#)

[Considerations for Travelers—Coronavirus in the US](#)

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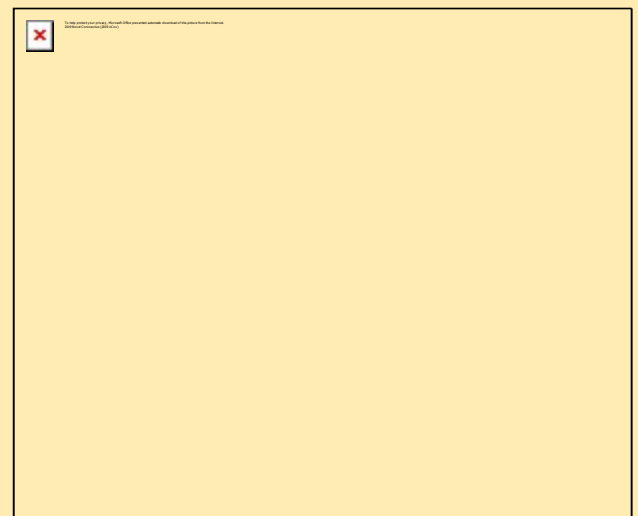
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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S.

As of June 29, 2020

In the United States, there have been 2,545,250 confirmed cases of COVID-19 detected through U.S. public health surveillance systems in 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Marianas Islands, and U.S. Virgin Islands.

CDC provides updated U.S. case information online daily.



[U.S. Cases](#)

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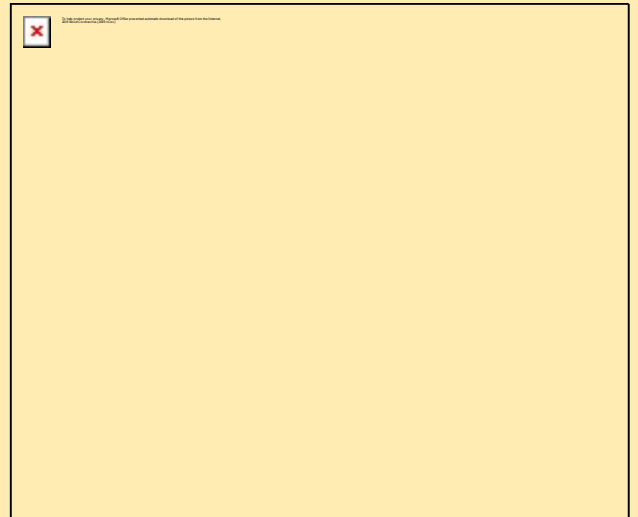
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NIMHD Supports Research on Community Interventions Addressing Adverse Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic

New funding opportunity from NIMHD and other NIH Institutes supports research to address the psychosocial, behavioral, and economic effects of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 among health disparity and other vulnerable populations.

Specifically, funding will support projects that test the impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission and acquisition and to test existing, new, or adapted interventions to address the pandemic's adverse consequences for health disparity populations.

NIMHD encourages investigators to participate in this important public health activity and welcomes inquiries concerning this funding opportunity. Review the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for more information on eligibility and application submissions.

Submission Date (Earliest Submission Date): July 28, 2020

Application Due Dates: August 28, 2020; December 1, 2020, by 5:00 p.m. local time of applicant organization.

[View the FOA](#)

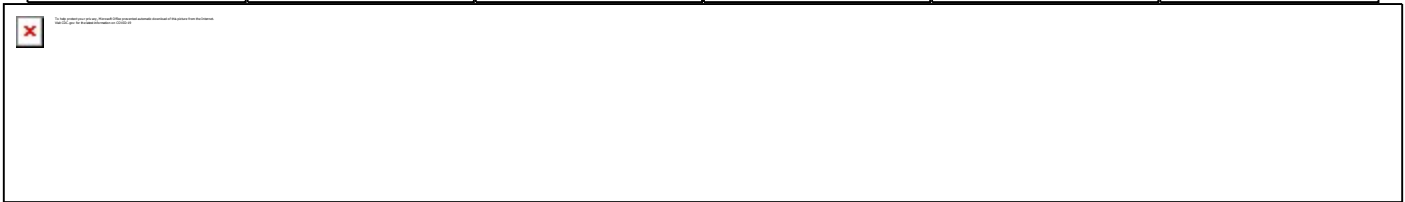
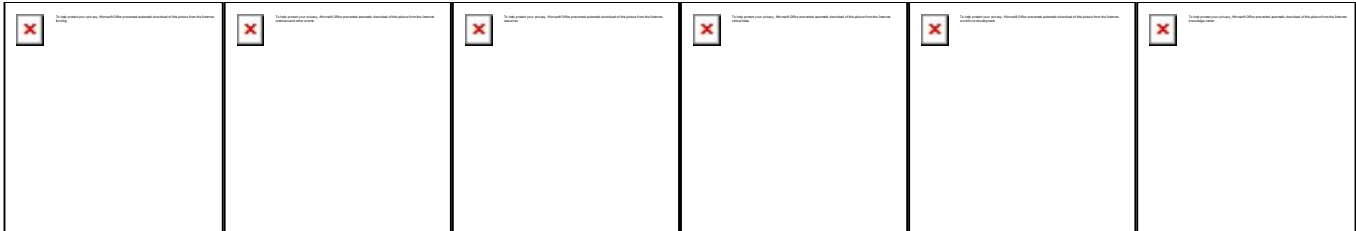
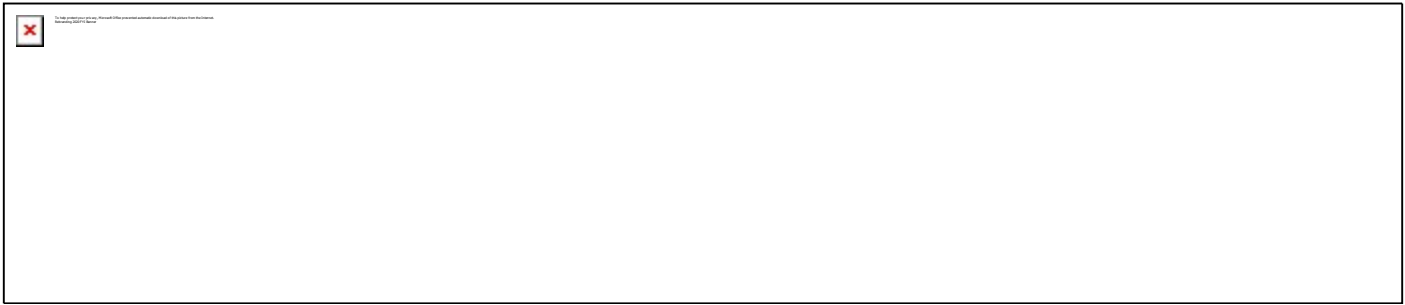
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Interested in contact tracing, but not sure what it is? It's used by health departments to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2ZkyWjJ>. #SlowtheSpread

CONTACT TRACING SLOWS THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

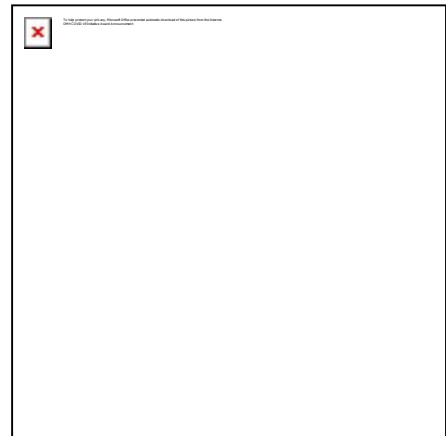




OMH COVID-19 Initiative Award Announcement

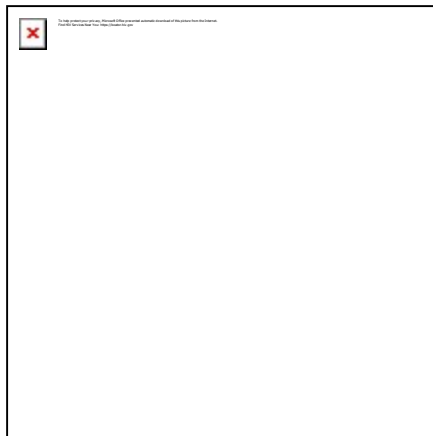
The HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) awarded the Morehouse School of Medicine the *National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities* funding opportunity. This \$40 million initiative, led by the Morehouse School of Medicine, will develop a national network to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on racial and ethnic minority populations. Learn more about this new three year initiative.

[Learn More](#)



June 27 is National HIV Testing Day

The HHS recognizes June 27 as [National HIV Testing Day](#) (NHTD) with the theme "Knowing." This theme focuses on knowing one's HIV status, recognizing new ways to take an HIV test, and knowing about treatment and prevention options such as PrEP. Please visit the OMH website for [HIV/AIDS and PrEP resources](#). You can also share information about NHTD via the HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Let's Stop HIV Together](#) campaign and by highlighting their [HIV Risk Reduction Tool](#). The CDC has also compiled information on [HIV self-testing](#), a method of providing HIV diagnostic services in the time of COVID-19.



Funding

RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC)

The HHS National Institutes of Health (NIH) will fund a single CDCC as part of research projects to understand the burden of the COVID-19 pandemic on underserved and vulnerable populations. Deadline for Letter of Intent (LOI) is July 8.

[Learn More](#)

Family Medicine Cares USA

The American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation supports the opening of new, free primary care clinics, including the purchase of medical equipment and instruments. Deadline is July 15, 8:00 pm ET.

[Learn More](#)

Tribal Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreement Program

GCI Suicide Prevention Grant

The Alaska Community Foundation and GCI support projects and organizations whose efforts reduce the rates of suicide in rural Alaska, including among Alaska Native Tribes. Deadline is July 15.

[Learn More](#)

Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation Grants

The Kent Richard Hofmann Foundation supports community-based organizations that provide HIV/AIDS care, direct services and education, and/or conduct HIV/AIDS research. Deadline for LOI is July 31.

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Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health

The HHS Indian Health Service (IHS) will fund community-based injury prevention programs and projects that prioritize motor vehicle related injuries and elder falls.

Deadline is October 1.

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Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19

This is a Notice of Special Interest from several NIH institutes, centers and offices.

Deadline is December 15, 5:00 pm ET.

[Learn More](#)



Webinars and Other Events

Advancing Maternal Health Equity in Refugee Communities

The final webinar in the Association of American Medical Colleges [Maternal Health Equity series](#) will discuss best practices for clinicians to provide culturally competent care to refugee women during the COVID-19 pandemic.

TODAY, June 24, 1:30 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Suicidality and COVID-19: How to Help

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) webinar will address how COVID-19 may contribute to suicide risk among American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/ANs). The discussion will include general background on suicide in Indian Country, interventions, prevention strategies and resources.

June 25, 3:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

What Will It Take to Create Health Equity for Sexual and Gender Minority Young People?

The NIH Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office webinar will describe health disparities among young men who have sex with men and the implementation of eHealth approaches to HIV prevention among this group.

June 30, 1:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Indigenous Perspectives on COVID-19

The University of Maryland School of Public Health seminar will address the epidemiology of the COVID-19 pandemic among AI/AN Tribes.

July 7, 6:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

Culture is Prevention

The National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) and the National American Indian and Alaskan Native

The Tsunami of Need is Coming: Integrated Care in the Era of COVID-19

The College for Behavioral Health Leadership webinar will explore the integration of behavioral health into primary care for early identification, treatment and enhanced referral to specialty care for people with mental health conditions.
June 25, 3:00 pm ET.

[Register](#)

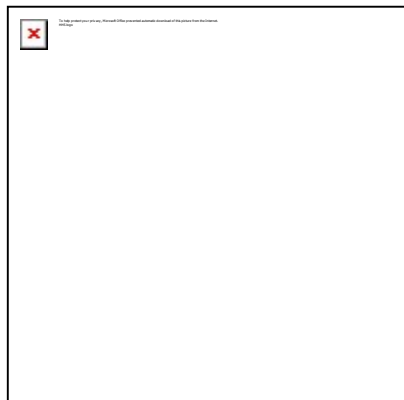
PTTC virtual learning sessions will address culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention services for AI/ANs and Latinxs.

- [Session 1](#), July 8, 2:00 pm ET
- [Session 2](#), July 14, 2:00 pm ET
- [Session 3](#), July 22, 2:00 pm ET
- [Session 4](#), August 5, 2:00 pm ET



Resources

Challenge: Mobilizing and Empowering the Nation and Technology to Address Loneliness & social isolation (MENTAL) Health Innovation

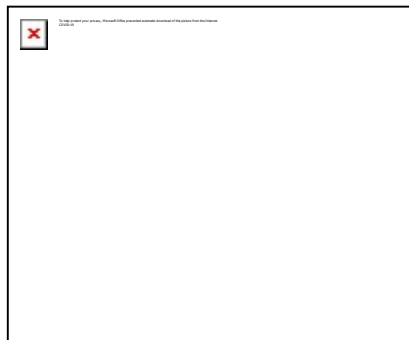


The HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL) and the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) are pleased to announce the *MENTAL Health Innovation Challenge*. The goal of this challenge is to increase consumer awareness and use of technology tools that keep racial and minority populations, older adults, people with disabilities and Veterans socially engaged and connected to families, friends, communities and activities of interest.

Deadline for registration is July 15.

[Learn More](#)

Resources: COVID-19



The American Medical Association is conducting a [survey](#) on the barriers, supports and personal experiences of physicians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline is July 1.

The Sickle Cell Society has published general information and guidance on [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Sickle Cell Disorder](#).

The Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Georgia has developed a toolkit on [Navigating COVID-19 Resources for Pregnant and Postpartum Families](#).

Fact Sheets: LGBT Wellness



The Network for Health Equity's LGBT HealthLink has developed several fact sheets that offer LGBT-specific information for health care professionals and consumers of health. Fact sheets are available for the following topics: cultural competence, cancer and tobacco use.

[Learn More](#)

Toolkit: Advancing the Uptake and Use of PrEP in Indian Country



The NIHB has compiled a PrEP toolkit that explores ways in which AI/AN Tribes, Tribal organizations, community members, leaders and service providers can build relationships and strengthen the systems needed to incorporate PrEP into medical practice, social norms and community culture. It also provides tools, language and conversation starters to bring PrEP into a community.

[Learn More](#)

[Download the full toolkit \(PDF\)](#)



Clinical Trials

Sickle Cell Disease and Cardiovascular Risk - Red Cell Exchange Trial (SCD-CARRE)

This phase 3 clinical trial, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh and the NIH National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), seeks volunteers, age 18 years or older, with a SCD diagnosis. Study to be conducted at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Penn.

[Learn More](#)

Computer Assisted Family Intervention to Treat Self-Harm Disparities in Latinas and Sexual/Gender Minority Youth

This behavioral study, sponsored by the University of Miami and the NIH National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), seeks Hispanic/Latina female or Hispanic/Latinx LGBT youth (male or female), age 12-18 years old, who self-report self-harm in the past 6 months and meet criteria for depression, emotion dysregulation, family conflict and/or substance use. Study to be conducted at the Institute for Individual and Family Counseling in Coral Gables, Fla.

[Learn More](#)



Workforce Development

Fellowship: Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network

The University of California, San Francisco's Social Interventions Research and Evaluation Network (SIREN) fellowship seeks to improve health and health equity by advancing high quality research on health care sector strategies to improve social conditions. Applicants should hold a doctoral degree (PhD, DrPH, MD or equivalent) and have advanced research experience in health services research or a related field such as health policy, nursing, social work, public health or epidemiology.

Deadline is July 17.

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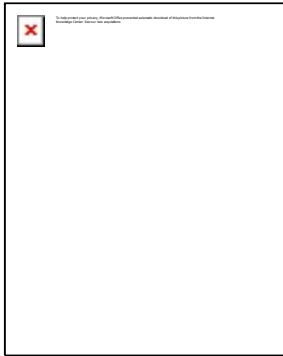
Training: Every Contact Counts: Contact Tracing for Public Health Professionals

This Northwest Center for Public Health Practice training, intended for public health professionals and volunteers who are interested in becoming contact tracers, covers basics such as the important role contact tracers have in protecting the public, criteria that determine whether someone is a potential contact, the key components of a successful contact tracing interview and how to conduct contact tracing interviews with professionalism and sensitivity.

[Learn More](#)



Knowledge Center



Recommended Reading

The article *Sickle Cell Disease: What You Should Know*, published in the NIH MedlinePlus Magazine, provides patients with a clear overview of the disease and treatment options. The magazine issue includes additional news articles related to sickle cell disease research activities.

To view this title and find additional information, [search the online catalog](#)



What's New!

[HHS Announces Partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine to Fight COVID-19 in Vulnerable Communities](#). On Monday, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced the selection of the Morehouse School of Medicine as the awardee for a new \$40 million initiative to fight COVID-19 in racial and ethnic minority, rural, and socially vulnerable communities. The initiative – the National Infrastructure for Mitigating the Impact of COVID-19 within Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities (NIMIC) – is a three-year project designed to work with community-based organizations across the nation to deliver education, information, and resources.

[HHS Makes Awards to Grow and Train the Health Workforce](#). Last week, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced \$107.2 million awarded to 310 recipients to increase the health workforce in rural and underserved communities. Recipients across 45

states and U.S. territories will receive funding to improve the quality, distribution, and diversity of health professionals serving across the country. These grant programs will help create a modern health workforce and place skilled health care professionals in high-need areas nationwide.

[State Rural Hospital and Community COVID-19 Vulnerability](#). Researchers at the University of North Carolina Rural Health Research Program created a chart that shows the number of rural hospitals in each state and measures community vulnerability using the CDC's [Social Vulnerability Index](#).

[NIH National COVID Cohort Collaborative](#). As part of an effort to help scientists understand COVID and develop treatments, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a centralized, secure enclave to store and study clinical record data from people who have been diagnosed. The collaborative aims to transform clinical information into knowledge urgently needed to study COVID-19, including health risk factors that indicate better or worse outcomes of the disease, and identify potentially effective treatments.

[Experts Talk About the Rural Aspects of Alzheimer's Disease](#). A new feature article in the Rural Monitor looks extensively at data, challenges, and resources Alzheimer's in rural areas.

[AHRQ: Characteristics and Costs of Potentially Preventable Inpatient Stays](#). The Agency for Healthcare Research Quality (AHRQ) examines the costs of potentially preventable hospitalizations, with a comparison of metropolitan and rural hospitals. The report is part of [AHRQs Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project](#), a collection of data and analyzation tools to enable research on a broad range of health policy issues.

[Federal Office of Rural Health Policy FAQs for COVID-19](#). A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) from our grantees and stakeholders, updated regularly.

[COVID-19 FAQs and Funding for HRSA Programs](#). Find all funding and frequently asked questions for programs administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

[CDC COVID-19 Updates](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides daily updates and guidance, and ongoing [Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity \(COCA\)](#).

[Confirmed COVID-19 Cases, Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties](#). The RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis provides up-to-date data and maps on rural and urban

confirmed cases throughout the United States. [An animated map shows the progression of cases beginning January 21.](#)

[Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019.](#) The Rural Health Information Hub has created a guide to help you learn about activities underway to address COVID-19.

[Funding and Opportunities](#)

Please note that many deadlines for Federal funding opportunities have been extended. See [Approaching Deadlines](#) section below.

[Rural Health Equity Postdoctoral Program](#) – July 20. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center is accepting applications for a fellowship position to study health equity for rural populations and the impact of policies affecting outcomes for communities of color, indigenous people, women and girls, LGBTQ individuals, people with disabilities older adults and people with limited incomes.

[NIH Community Interventions to Address COVID-19 Pandemic](#) – August 28. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will make grants to implement and evaluate community interventions testing the impacts of: 1) strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups; and 2) interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, behavioral, and socioeconomic consequences of the pandemic on the health of these groups.

[BIA Native American Business Development Institute Grant](#) – September 15. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will make 20-25 awards of up to \$75,000 each to hire consultants for feasibility studies of economic development opportunities located in designated [Opportunity Zones](#).

[IHS Tribal Injury Prevention Program](#) – October 1. The Indian Health Service will make 24 awards with total funding of \$1.9 million for community-based injury prevention programs and projects. These may include strategic changes to the environment (for example, roadways, elder homes for fall hazards, smoke alarms) and strategies to promote behavior change (such as car seat use, float coat use). Eligible applicants include tribal organizations, Federally-recognized tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations.

[NIH Pilot and Feasibility Studies for Drug/Alcohol Prevention Trials](#) – January 7, 2021. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will fund pilot and/or feasibility testing of: innovative prevention intervention approaches, strategies to reduce impaired driving deaths, suicide

prevention, and drug- or alcohol-related transmission of HIV infection and viral hepatitis. Specific areas of interest include new technologies and modalities for difficult to reach populations and settings (including at-risk and stigmatized populations and rural settings).

[Dept of Commerce: Economic Development Assistance Programs](#) – Ongoing. The U.S. Department of Commerce will invest \$30 million to support economic development in distressed rural and urban communities. Past projects have included funding for water and wastewater projects in hospitals and health care facilities, as well as road infrastructure projects that would support the expansion of health care facilities.

[Rural Health Research](#)

Research in this section is provided by the HRSA/FORHP-supported Rural Health Research Gateway. [Sign up to receive alerts](#) when new publications become available.

[Supply and Distribution of the Primary Care Workforce in Rural America: 2019](#). Researchers at the WWAMI Rural Health Research Center studied county-level data to calculate provider-to-population ratios of primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants and then compared those ratios between metropolitan, micropolitan, and non-core counties. Nationally, the provider-to-population ratio of family physicians is slightly higher in rural than urban areas, but the overall per capita supply of primary care providers remains substantially lower in rural areas than urban areas.

[Policy Updates](#)

Visit the [FORHP Policy page](#) to see all recent updates and send questions to ruralpolicy@hrsa.gov.

[Medicare COVID-19 Data Release](#). On Monday of this week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released preliminary data on COVID-19 derived from Medicare claims. Between January 1 and May 16, 2020, over 325,000 Medicare beneficiaries were diagnosed with COVID-19, and nearly 110,000 of those were hospitalized. The snapshot breaks down COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations for Medicare beneficiaries by state; race/ethnicity; dual eligibility for Medicare and Medicaid; age; gender; and urban/rural areas.

Learning Events and Technical Assistance

[HRSA Webinar for Clinical Leaders](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 pm ET. Dr. Luis Padilla, Associate Administrator of HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce invites clinical leaders to the *Leading in Uncertain Times* webinar, a peer-to-peer forum for clinical leaders in rural and underserved communities. The hour-long discussion will cover issues related to telehealth, student training staffing models, and provider wellness.

[Culturally Affirming Approaches for Black Men in Recovery](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 2:00 pm ET. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will hold a 90-minute online session highlighting current research and best practices for supporting Black men in recovery.

[RWJF on Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Black Communities](#) – Thursday, June 25 at 3:00 pm ET. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings will explore existing disparities and discuss how communities can begin to address them.

[Indian Child Welfare: Responses to COVID-19](#) – Tuesday, June 30 at 2:00 pm ET. During an hour-long webinar, the National Indian Child Welfare Association will host experts to discuss implementation of the Indian Child Welfare Act during the pandemic and impacts to state agencies.

[NHSC New Site Application Webinar for Rural Health Clinics](#) - Tuesday, June 30 at 2:00 pm ET. The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy and the National Association of Rural Health Clinics are hosting a webinar on the FY20 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) New Site Application cycle. This webinar will be presented by the Bureau of Health Workforce. It will discuss eligibility, benefits to becoming an NHSC-approved site, and NHSC loan repayment programs specific to substance use disorder and rural facilities.

[Resources of the Week](#)

[CDC Training Pediatric Medical Providers to Recognize ACEs](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) created an online training platform that focuses on the central role that pediatric medical providers play in understanding, recognizing, preventing and treating [adverse childhood experiences \(ACEs\)](#).

[CDC Guidance for HIV Self-Testing During Quarantine](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently issued brief guidance for health departments, community-based

organizations, and other clinical providers for [expanding their support for HIV self-testing](#) where face-to-face testing services have been disrupted.

[Community Paramedicine Impact Reference Guide](#). For those intending to research, plan, implement, evaluate, or otherwise consider community paramedicine (CP) systems, this guide from the National Rural Health Resource Center includes a compilation of cited references that describe the impact of previously implemented CP initiatives.

[Approaching Deadlines](#)

[DOL National Emergency Grants for Dislocated Workers](#) – Ongoing

[FEMA Public Assistance Program: COVID-19 Response](#) – Ongoing

[Small Business Administration Coronavirus Relief Programs](#) – Ongoing

[Payment Deferrals: USDA Guaranteed Loans for Rural Development](#) – Until September 30

[USDA Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network](#) – June 23

[DHS Rural Emergency Medical Communications Demonstration Project](#) – June 24

[IHS/NIH Native American Research Centers for Health](#) – Letters of Intent June 24

[HRSA Faculty Loan Repayment Program](#) – June 25

[ACL Alaska Native Tribal Resource Center on Domestic Violence](#) – June 26

[Dept. of Treasury Community Development Financial Institutions](#) – June 26

[Nominations for Community Preventive Services Task Force](#) – June 26

[CDC Strategies to Maintain HIV Viral Suppression Among Released State Prison Inmates](#) – June 29

[USDA Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program](#) – June 29

[ACF Community Services Block Grant – Waste/Wastewater Technical Assistance](#) – June 30

[DOL Mine Health and Safety Grants](#) – June 30

[EPA State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program](#) – June 30

[HRSA Rural Residency Planning and Development \(RRPD\) Program](#) – June 30

[ACF Fatherhood FIRE Program](#) – July 1

[HRSA Telehealth-Focused Rural Health Research Center Program](#) – Extended to July 1

[RWJF Rapid-Response Research on Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs](#) – July 1

[ACF Basic Center Program for Runaway/Homeless Youth](#) – July 3

[Accepting Applications: CMS Direct Contracting Professional and Global Options](#) – July 6

[Comments Requested: CMS Issues Second COVID-19 Interim Final Rule](#) – July 7

[Comments Requested: Proposed Updates for FY2021 Medicare Inpatient and Long-term Care Hospital Payments](#) - July 10

[HRSA Rural HIV/AIDS Planning Program](#) – July 10

[CDC Preventing Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) – July 13

[Dept. of Education School-Based Mental Health Services](#) – July 13

[HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning](#) – July 13

[USDA Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants](#) – July 13

[HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome](#) – July 20

[Rural Health Equity Postdoctoral Program](#) – July 20

[New Sites for National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\)](#) – July 21

[IHS/NIH Native American Research Centers for Health](#) – July 24

[DOL Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities](#) – July 29

[ACL Transit Planning for All Mobility on Demand Projects](#) – July 31

[Request for Information: Clinical Experience in Suicide Prevention in Primary Care Settings](#) – August 7

[DRA Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy](#) – August 18

[DOT Funding Public Transportation on Indian Reservations](#) – August 24

[NIH Community Interventions to Address COVID-19 Pandemic](#) – August 28

[USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program](#) – August 28

[AHA Rural Hospital Leadership Team Award](#) – August 31

[NIH Researching Long-Term Effects of Disasters on Systems Serving Disparity Populations](#) – September 7

[NIH Research on Minority Health/Health Disparities](#) – September 8

[USDA Capacity Building for 1890 Land-Grant Institutions](#) – September 10

[AHRQ Innovation Challenge for Rural Postpartum Mental Health](#) – September 15

[BIA Native American Business Development Institute Grant](#) – September 15

[Request for Information \(RFI\): Health Professional Shortage Area Scoring Criteria](#) – September 18

[Request for Information \(RFI\): Maternity Care Health Professional Target Area Criteria](#) – September 18

[IHS Tribal Injury Prevention Program](#) – October 1

[FCC High Speed Broadband/Rural Opportunity Fund](#) – October 22

Ongoing Opportunities

[AHRQ Research to Improve Patient Transitions through HIT](#) – December 2022

[ASA Rural Access to Anesthesia Care Scholarship](#)

[CDC Training Pediatric Medical Providers to Recognize ACEs](#)

[CMS Hardship Exception for Hospital Interoperability](#) – September 1, 2020; November 30 for CAHs

[Dept of Commerce: Economic Development Assistance Programs](#)

[DRA Technical Assistance for Delta Region Community Health Systems Development](#) – Ongoing

[EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

[HUD Hospital Mortgage Insurance Program](#)

[IHS Tribal Forensic Healthcare Training](#)

[NARHC Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional Course](#)

[NIH Pilot and Feasibility Studies for Drug/Alcohol Prevention Trials](#) – January 7, 2021

[NIH Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health](#) – May 2022

[NIH Research – Alcohol and Other Substance Use](#) – Dates Through August 2022

[NIH Research to Improve Health Care Quality and Outcomes Through HIT](#)

[NIH Strategies for Patient-Reported Outcome Measures in HIT](#)

[Nominations for Federal Advisory Commission on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and Sexually Transmitted Diseases](#)

[Nominations for National Advisory Committee on Migrant Health](#)

[Opportunity Zones for Economic Development](#)

[Rural Graduate Medical Education Planning and Development](#)

[RWJF Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health](#)

[RWJF Pioneering Ideas Brief Proposals](#)

[SBA Guaranteed Loans for Small Business](#)

[USDA Community Facilities Program](#)

[USDA Community Food Projects Technical Assistance](#)

[USDA Drinking Water and Waste Disposal for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages](#)

[USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

[USDA Guaranteed Loans for Rural Rental Housing](#) – through 2021

[USDA Rural Business Development Grants](#)

[USDA Rural Energy Savings Program](#)

[USDA Summer Food Program](#)

[USDA Technical Assistance for Healthy Food Financing Initiative](#)

[USDA Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans](#)

[USDA Funding for Rural Water and Waste Disposal Projects](#)

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Outsmarting Poison Ivy and Other Poisonous Plants

Poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac are a hazard year-round. Here are tips for preventing and treating the itchy rash and blisters.

First comes the itching, then a red rash, and then blisters. These symptoms of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac can emerge any time from a few hours to several days after exposure to the plant oil found in the sap of these poisonous plants. The culprit: the urushiol oil. Here are some tips to avoid it.

Recognizing Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Poison Sumac

- **Poison Ivy:** Found throughout the United States except Alaska, Hawaii, and parts of the West Coast. Can grow as a vine or small shrub trailing along the ground or climbing on low plants, trees and poles. Each leaf has three glossy leaflets, with smooth or toothed edges. Leaves are reddish in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have greenish-white flowers and whitish-yellow berries.
- **Poison Oak:** Grows as a low shrub in the Eastern and Southern United States, and in tall clumps or long vines on the Pacific Coast. Fuzzy green leaves in clusters of three are lobed or deeply toothed with rounded tips. May have yellow-white berries.

- **Poison Sumac:** Grows as a tall shrub or small tree in bogs or swamps in the Northeast, Midwest, and parts of the Southeast. Each leaf has clusters of seven to 13 smooth-edged leaflets. Leaves are orange in spring, green in summer, and yellow, orange, or red in fall. May have yellow-greenish flowers and whitish-green fruits hang in loose clusters.

Poison Plant Rashes Aren't Contagious

Poison ivy and other poison plant rashes can't be spread from person to person. But it is possible to pick up the rash from plant oil that may have stuck to clothing, pets, garden tools, and other items that have come in contact with these plants. The plant oil lingers (sometimes for years) on virtually any surface until it's washed off with water or rubbing alcohol.

The rash will occur only where the plant oil has touched the skin, so a person with poison ivy can't spread it on the body by scratching. It may seem like the rash is spreading if it appears over time instead of all at once. But this is either because the plant oil is absorbed at different rates on different parts of the body or because of repeated exposure to contaminated objects or plant oil trapped under the fingernails. Even if blisters break, the fluid in the blisters is not plant oil and cannot further spread the rash.

Tips for Prevention

- Learn what [poison ivy, oak, and sumac plants look like](#) so you can avoid them ([watch our video](#)[External Link](#) [Disclaimer](#)).
- Wash your garden tools and gloves regularly. If you think you may be working around poison ivy, wear long sleeves, long pants tucked into boots, and impermeable gloves.
- Wash your pet if it may have brushed up against poison ivy, oak, or sumac. Use pet shampoo and water while wearing rubber gloves, such as dishwashing gloves. Most pets are not sensitive to poison ivy, but the oil can stick to their fur and cause a reaction in someone who pets them.
- Wash your skin in soap and cool water as soon as possible if you come in contact with a poisonous plant. The sooner you cleanse the skin, the greater the chance that you can remove the plant oil or help prevent further spread.

Tips for Treatment

Don't scratch the blisters. Bacteria from under your fingernails can get into them and cause an infection. The rash, blisters, and itch normally disappear in several weeks without any treatment.

You can relieve the itch by:

- Using wet compresses or soaking in cool water.
- Applying over-the-counter (OTC) topical corticosteroid preparations or taking prescription oral corticosteroids.
- Applying topical OTC skin protectants, such as zinc acetate, zinc carbonate, zinc oxide, and calamine dry the oozing and weeping of poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac. Protectants such as baking soda or colloidal oatmeal relieve minor irritation and itching. Aluminum acetate is an astringent that relieves rash.

See a doctor if:

- You have a temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- There is pus, soft yellow scabs, or tenderness on the rash.
- The itching gets worse or keeps you awake at night.
- The rash spreads to your eyes, mouth, genital area, or covers more than one-fourth of your skin area.
- The rash is not improving within a few weeks.
- The rash is widespread and severe.
- You have difficulty breathing.

Have a scratch-free summer! For more information, go [here](#).

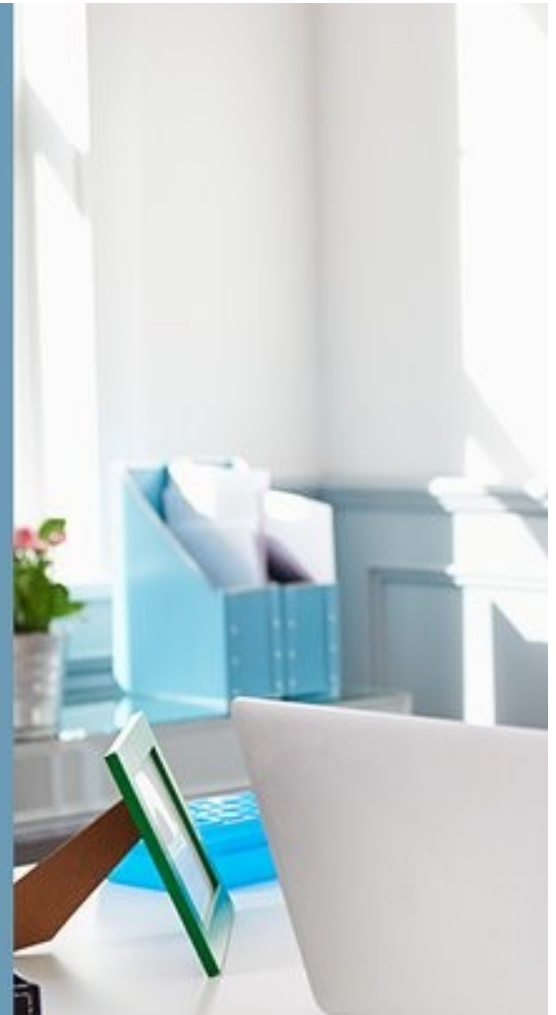


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Managing chronic pain is complex.

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[CDC Injury Center](https://www.cdc.gov/injury/)

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Parents: Watch kids closely when they're in or around your **backyard pool**. [#Drowning](#) happens quickly and quietly, so avoid distracting activities like being on a smartphone. Learn more:

<https://go.usa.gov/xv9s2>



Wishing you a safe and happy July 4th celebration!

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

Free and confidential support for people in distress

1-800-273-TALK (8255) Get Help –

We can all help prevent suicide.

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

FindTreatment.gov is an important resource to help Americans looking for substance abuse treatment for themselves or their loved ones find the right type of treatment.

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Take care,
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COVID-19: Racial & Ethnic Disparities / PPE Efficacy / Workers' Mental Health

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Have a look at some of the latest on COVID-19:

Racial & ethnic disparities: In the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine*, U.K. health experts write, "The risk of contracting COVID-19, the severity of the illness and the risk of poor health related to the policies and actions responding to the pandemic are all increased in Black, Asian and minority ethnic and migrant groups. These amount to a form of structural violence, placing Black, Asian and minority ethnic people and migrants at greater risk." They continue, "Global health responses ... must be active in ensuring safe, inclusive and just social and structural conditions for everyone." Separately, on Tuesday, WBUR hosted a discussion about how structural racism has led to racial inequities in the COVID-19 pandemic — and what steps are needed to help change policy. See more at the first two links below.

PPE's effects: A study in *The BMJ* highlights the efficacy of personal protective equipment (PPE) in limiting transmission of SARS-CoV-2 to healthcare workers. The study included 420 doctors and nurses who went to Wuhan, China, to treat COVID-19 patients for 6-8 weeks. All received protective suits, masks, gloves, goggles, face shields, and gowns and were trained in their proper use. Participants worked, on average, 16 hours per week in ICUs and were exposed to at least one aerosol-generating procedure. None became symptomatic during their time in Wuhan. Upon returning home, all were tested three times for SARS-CoV-2 and also underwent antibody tests. All test results were negative. The researchers write, "Healthcare systems must give priority to the procurement and distribution of personal protective equipment, and provide adequate training to healthcare professionals in its use."

Workers' mental health: In the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, two palliative care physicians draw on their experiences to propose four principles to support clinicians coping with the mental health effects of treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The principles include looking past the illness, fostering community, promoting vulnerability, and establishing boundaries and limitations. For example, for looking past the illness, they encourage making the time for "humanizing moments," like chatting for a few minutes with a patient's spouse. For establishing boundaries, the authors say leaders must ensure that clinicians take time off.

[Racial disparities paper in the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* \(Free\)](#)

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Question of the Week

An 82-year-old female nursing-home resident presents to the emergency department with dyspnea, cough, fever,

NEJM Perspectives, Editorial Address Systemic Racism

By Amy Orciari Herman

Edited by Susan Sadoughi, MD

"Black people cannot breathe," write the authors of a *New England Journal of Medicine* perspective, "because police violence is a major cause of premature death, of stolen lives and stolen breaths in America." And that is just one of many reasons outlined in the piece.

The authors say, "We must insist that for the health of the black community and, in turn, the health of the nation, we address the social, economic, political, legal, educational, and health care systems that maintain structural racism." They recommend that healthcare systems adopt five practices to help put an end to structural racism:

- Divest from racial health inequities.
- Desegregate the healthcare workforce.
- Make "mastering the health effects of structural racism" a professional medical competency.
- Mandate and measure equitable outcomes.
- Protect and serve.

In a separate *NEJM* perspective, two physicians share steps that their Boston hospital has taken to identify and address health inequity and institutional racism. One of the first steps was to define racism and then look for potential racial differences in a specific area — cardiology admissions. This ultimately led to funding for two programs aimed at reducing inequities in heart failure care. The authors write, "We firmly believe that it is the policies that create inequities, unintentional though they may be, and we will continue to advance actions at our institution to change them."

And finally, an *NEJM* editorial discusses the physician's role in diagnosing and treating systemic racism. The authors write, "Now, amid an acute public health crisis that is transforming medicine, perhaps we have an opportunity to reset our priorities to face this deeper, more chronic crisis as well. It is time to reimagine the medical interaction and the doctor–patient relationship, recommitting ourselves to the quiet work of doctoring and building trust with individual patients. We can become more conscious of our biases when we care for minority patients and push ourselves to go the extra mile."

All three pieces are available free of charge at the links below.

[NEJM "Stolen Breaths" perspective \(Free\)](#)

[NEJM "Creating Real Change..." perspective \(Free\)](#)

and a blood pressure of 75/50 mm Hg. She is edentulous and has focal crackles in the right lower lung field. Laboratory testing reveals a leukocytosis and elevated serum creatinine and lactate levels, and a chest radiograph shows a dense opacity in the right lower lobe. She is treated with appropriate antibiotics and a 30-mL/kg bolus of lactated Ringer solution, but her blood pressure remains low and her blood lactate level remains elevated. A bedside echocardiogram shows mildly depressed systolic function, and an ultrasound shows a dilated inferior vena cava without collapse on inspiration. What is the most appropriate next therapeutic intervention for this patient?

- » Administer an additional 30-mL/kg bolus of lactated Ringer solution
- » Start dobutamine to target a mean arterial pressure goal
- » Start norepinephrine to target a mean arterial pressure goal
- » Monitor central venous pressure (CVP), and administer normal saline to achieve a goal CVP
- » Initiate empiric anaerobic coverage with intravenous metronidazole

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Black Smokers Seem to Have Increased Stroke Risk

By Kelly Young

Edited by Susan Sadoughi, MD

Black smokers face increased risk for incident stroke relative to black adults who don't smoke (and, possibly, relative to white smokers), according to an observational study in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*.

Researchers assessed the baseline smoking habits of 4400 black adults in Mississippi. During a median 12 years' follow-up, current smokers had

significantly higher rates of stroke, compared with never smokers (6.8% vs. 3.4%), a difference that persisted after adjustment for potential confounders. Black participants who smoked less than 20 cigarettes a day had 2.3 times the risk of never smokers, and those who smoked more had 2.6 times the risk. Past smokers did not have significantly elevated stroke risk.

The authors, citing data from the all-white Framingham Heart Study, say their results suggest that "smoking may have even greater impact in black current smokers" than white smokers, although they urge caution in making that interpretation.

[JAMA article](#) (Free)

Background: [NEJM Journal Watch General Medicine coverage of cardiovascular risk of smoking one cigarette a day](#) (Your NEJM Journal Watch registration required)



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