

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

OPCA COVID-19 Member Briefing: OPCA is hosting a twice-monthly COVID-19 briefing to provide information and resources for CHCs. **First Tuesdays and third Wednesdays of the month at 2pm PT.** For questions, or to get this series added to your calendar, contact events@orpc.org

OPCA's COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup: This workgroup includes weekly calls, as well as a Google Group that provides a forum for peers to communicate and where up-to-date, pertinent information is shared. **Sign-up by emailing tcook@orpc.org.** OPCA COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup Calls take place weekly on **1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 4-5pm PT** and **2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30am PT.**

HRSA Tidbits

Announcing the HHS Mask Distribution Program: The Biden administration, in partnership with HHS and the Department of Defense (DoD), [will deliver free masks to HRSA-funded health centers](#) will deliver free masks to HRSA-funded health centers for distribution to patients, staff, and community members. [Here's what we know about the program as of Feb. 25.](#) If your health center does not want to receive a shipment of masks, opt out using the [BPHC Contact Form](#). Questions? Go to HRSA's [COVID-19 FAQ webpage](#).

School-Based Service Sites Funding Available Now: HRSA released 2021 Health Center Program Service Expansion – School-Based Service Sites (SBSS, HRSA-21-093). Visit [SBSS TA webpage](#) for technical assistance. Applications due in [Grants.gov](#): March 22 (8:59pm PT/11:59 pm ET) and HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) April 20 (2pm PT/5 pm ET).

HRSA's Promoting Pediatric Primary Prevention (P4) Challenge: The P4 Challenge invites proposals to implement innovative ways to increase access to well-child visits and/or immunization services within primary care. Submission deadline is 2 pm PT on March 15. Check out the [FAQ section](#).

SPEED Enrollment Guide for FQHCs: [The Special Projects for Equitable and Efficient Distribution \(SPEED\) of COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics program](#). Any FQHC with the capability to administer monoclonal antibodies, or who can partner with local hospitals or community infusion centers is eligible to participate in SPEED.

Mental Health Needs of Migratory and Seasonal Agriculture Workers Learning Collaborative: A four-session learning collaborative focused on mental health among migratory and seasonal agriculture workers (MSAWs), [Register here](#). MHP Salud is a HRSA-funded NTTAP.

Training & Learning Opportunities

OHA COVID-19 Information Sessions and ECHO for Providers: OHA hosts [regular information sessions for Oregon health care providers](#) on the **first and third Thursdays** of the month, and a [COVID-19 response ECHO for Oregon clinicians](#), on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of the month.

STAR² Center Recruitment Boot Camp: Mental Health Edition: A learning collaborative focused on recruitment of a mental health workforce. [Apply by March 5](#). The STAR² Center is part of the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved, which is a HRSA-funded NTTAP.

NACHC COVID-19 Vaccine Compliance and Risk Management: Covers health center compliance, risk management associated with vaccine distribution, scope of project, malpractice liability, and labor and employment law issues. March 8 & 9. [Learn more and register](#).

NWRPCA Webinars Highlighting Innovations CHCs Have Done To Elevate Patient Care
[Community Health Innovations](#)

- Webinar #2: 340B Innovations – Strategizing for 2021 March 9, 11am PT
- Webinar #3: Patient Engagement in Healthcare’s Changing World April 6, 11am PT

National Association of Community Health Centers 2021 Policy & Issues (P&I) Forum: Will be hosted in a virtual format this year from March 15-18. View [conference schedule](#), [registration](#) and [committee meetings](#)

Board Member Boot Camp: NACHC's P&I Pre-Conference event takes place on Sunday, March 14, 8am-1:30pm PT. [Register online](#), or download the [registration form](#)

2021 Virtual Forum for Migrant and Community Health: Hosted by The National Center for Farmworker Health (a HRSA-funded NTTAP), NWRPCA, and the North Carolina Community Health Center Association from March 22-26. [Learn more or register now](#)

2021 NWRPCA Virtual Spring Summit: Formerly known as the Spring Primary Care Conference, this year's theme, "Illuminating Innovations in the Health Center Community," emphasizes the remarkable developments that have emerged from the response to COVID-19. May 19-21. [More information and registration](#)

Other Resources

Northwest Regional Primary Care Association 2020 Region X Salary & Benefit Survey Report is [available for purchase](#)

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) learning series: [REALD](#) Lessons Learned for Phase 1 Organizations This series replaces the REALD Technical Workgroup. Contact [Renee Harger](#) or [Craig Mosbaek](#) for more information. **Visit the [REALD webpage](#) to find information related to REALD reporting for COVID-19 encounters.**

- March 15, 3-4 pm [Register](#)
- April 29, 1-2 pm [Register](#)

COVID-19 Testing Supplies Available to FQHCs: The Oregon Office of Rural Health is partnering with the OPCA and OHA to distribute **Abbott Labs BinaxNow** rapid COVID-19 tests to FQHCs. **Free of charge** and available while supplies last. Visit [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#). Direct questions to [Sarah Andersen](#), Director of Field Services, at the Oregon Office of Rural Health, or call 503-444-1570.