



Throughout 2020 we have provided you with the content, information, and resources that matter to Oregon's health centers. And this final newsletter of 2020 is no different. In this edition, you'll find OPCA's policy update, the latest COVID-19 information, SDH newsletter, clinician focused content, upcoming OPCA events, and much more content meant to inform and help you do your work better.

Thank you for reading.

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### Policy Updates That Matter to Health Centers

Yesterday, Gov. Kate Brown released her 2021-2023 budget which included a 16% increase for OHA over the previous biennium. In this month's edition, we also cover COVID-19 testing, our economy, new REAL D developments, 340B, and a look at what's happening on Capitol Hill. [Click here](#) to read our December 2020 Policy Update.

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### Apply To Become a Member of Oregon's Vaccine Advisory Committee

Oregon has developed a [draft COVID-19 vaccine plan](#) for the way vaccines could be allocated and distributed. OHA is establishing a Vaccine Advisory Committee to create a vaccine distribution plan that centers equity. The Vaccine Advisory Committee will work with OHA to co-create a final vaccine distribution plan that prioritizes communities most impacted by COVID-19 and those impacted by past and current health inequities. Community members and health care providers needed for the committee. [Read a full description of the committee here.](#)

**Interested:** [Fill out this form](#) by Dec. 14.

**Questions:** Contact OHA's Community Engagement Team at [community.covid19@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:community.covid19@dhsosha.state.or.us).

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## COVID-19: Latest Oregon CHC Response Numbers; Upcoming Member Briefing

### OREGON HEALTH CENTERS' RESPONSE TO COVID-19

As of November 13, 2020

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is surveying health centers weekly to track their COVID-19 response and their patient and staff impacts. **73% (22)** of health centers responded during this week. Their results present a snapshot of an unprecedented and evolving situation.

**Health Centers are Rapidly Adapting to Meet Testing Needs in Their Communities**

95% have the resources to test

67% have walk-up or drive-up testing

**Join OPCA, CHC Peers for Member Briefing on Dec. 8**

**WHAT:** OPCA will provide updated information and resources from local, state, and federal partners in preparation for increased COVID-19 infections. There will be an opportunity to ask questions of OPCA and of your FQHC colleagues.

**WHEN:** Dec. 8 from 1-2pm PT; join [Zoom webinar here](#)

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Open to all members

**QUESTIONS:** Contact [Malia Turina](#)

Category	Total reported as of April 10th, 2020 <sup>1</sup>	Current Week
Patients tested	30,180	1,269
Patients tested positive	2,866	177
Staff tested positive	147	7

Above is latest HRSA Weekly COVID-19 survey summary report for Oregon as of Nov. 13, the latest information available. This is one part of the two-page summary. Click on the image for more.

For more COVID-19 tools and information, visit [OPCA's COVID-19 resources page](#).

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## Oregon CHCs Required To Complete HRSA's Readiness to Train Assessment Tool

A quarter of Oregon CHCs have completed the RTAT survey—only 75% more to go. Please take 15-25 minutes to get your [RTAT survey](#) submitted.

This initiative is intended to enhance health centers' capabilities to recruit, develop, and retain their workforce by exposing health and allied health professions students, trainees, and residents to education and training programs at health centers. The first step to participation in the initiative is to complete an assessment of your health center's readiness to engage in health professions training programs. The RTAT survey has all the information needed for all FQHC/FQHC Look-Alike employees to complete the survey. Contact [Irma Murauskas](#) with questions.

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## Group Purchasing Savings Program Helps Clinics Get Needed COVID-19 Supplies

As we enter the winter months and COVID-19 cases continue to rise, we're hearing concerns from you about access to supplies, PPE, and vaccines along with their storage. OPCA continues to partner with the



community partners

**WHEN:** Dec. 14, from 2-3:30pm PT

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Quality improvement staff, executive leadership, program managers, patient-facing health center staff

**COST:** Free to attend

[Register for both webinars here](#)

**Registration closes end of day Thursday, Dec. 3.**

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**REGISTER NOW!**

### **Advanced Care Learning Community Annual Conference**

The [Advanced Care Learning Community \(ACLC\)](#) is an OPCA program that covers key topics relating to health center care transformation, with a focus on the evolution of the primary care team. The theme for this upcoming virtual conference is ***From Intent to Impact: Community Health Workers and Community Engagement to Empower Health.***

**WHAT:** This virtual conference is an opportunity to tune into health center conversations around transforming primary care in connection to COVID-19, health equity, CHW implementation strategy, community partnerships, and advocacy.

**WHEN:** Feb. 1 & 2, 2021, 8am – 12:30pm PT, followed by a lunch hour virtual poster session on Feb. 3.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Health center leaders and staff who have a particular interest or role in CHW implementation and community engagement

**COST:** \$55 for members/\$85 for non-members

[Learn more and register here.](#)

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### **Other Events of Interest**

#### **Upcoming CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity Call**

**WHAT:** Presenters from Kaiser Permanente and the Veteran's Health Administration will discuss how telehealth has affected health equity in their patient populations before and during the COVID-19 pandemic. Topics to discuss include challenges and opportunities related to telehealth implementation. Continued education credits available.

**WHEN:** Dec. 8, from 11am – noon PT

[Learn more here or add event to your calendar](#)

#### **Behavioral Health for the Black/African American Community**

**WHAT:** A conversation with OHA Behavioral Health Director, Steve Allen, to plan how behavioral health can be different in the Black/ African American community

**WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 5, 10am-noon

**WHO:** Members and providers in the African American community who care about substance use and mental health

[Zoom link to join](#)

OPCA has an [Events page](#) on our website that features the most up-to-date information on registration, intended audiences, and who to contact with questions. We encourage you to take a look and bookmark it. Contact [events@orpca.org](mailto:events@orpca.org) with questions.

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## Oregon CHCs in the News

A collection of news and announcements about Oregon CHCs:



**Mosaic Medical**  
Quality Care For All

**Mosaic Medical** has received a \$954,386 grant through the Capital Assistance for Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts (CADRE) opportunity from HHS and HRSA to support the construction of a new Mosaic clinic that will be co-located with the Jefferson County Public Health Department on the St. Charles Madras campus. [Read the news release here.](#)



**Yakima Valley  
Farm Workers Clinic**

**Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic** is the only CHC in Washington and Oregon to receive Gold recognition from the American Heart Association® and the American Medical Association for Practices for reaching 70 percent blood pressure control or higher within their patient population. [See the full recognition list here.](#)

**Outside In**



**Outside In's** Haven Wheelock, syringe exchange coordinator, was a guest on the Nov. 17 NRP On Point show ["Why Voters Are Rejecting The War On Drugs"](#)



**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
REHABILITATION  
ASSOCIATION  
of the Northwest, Inc.**

**Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.** celebrated its 50th anniversary in November. [Watch NARA NW's video here.](#)

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## Spotlight on Staff: Introducing OPCA's Financial Sustainability Manager

Inspired by the theme of NHCW, Lighting the Way for Communities Today and in the Future, we've launched the Spotlight on Staff blog as a space for members to get to know our talented staff members a little better.



A lifelong Oregonian, Rob Schlegel joined OPCA in June 2019 after completing a Hatfield Resident Fellowship at Portland State. Rob and his wife, who works at an FQHC, say they have an "FQHCH" or "Federally Qualified Health Center Household."

Rob's role at OPCA is to help FQHCs with all things related to financial operations, regulations, and compliance. He also manages the CFO peer group and assists with the APCM program. [Read more about Rob in today's OPCA's Spotlight on Staff blog post.](#)

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## Media & Resources:

- Required Training to Assist with OHP Enrollment: All OHP enrollment assisters must complete ONE Integrated Eligibility CP Training in 2020. It is mandatory for current and new OHP-certified Community Partners. Trainings take place twice a month through the end of the year. [Register here for an upcoming training](#)

## Sign up for OPCA's Member Update



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