



Inside today's Member Update Special Edition, you'll find information about free testing supplies for FQHCs, OPCA's COVID-19 Vaccine Workgroup, how to enroll as a COVID-19 Vaccine Facility, and access to OPCA's Member Briefing Series.

COVID-19 Testing Supplies Available to FQHCs

The Oregon Office of Rural Health is partnering with the Oregon Primary Care Association and the Oregon Health Authority to distribute **Abbott Labs BinaxNow** rapid COVID-19 tests to FQHCs. These tests are **free of charge** and are available to you through the end of January or while supplies last.

To request a stock of tests, visit OPCA's [COVID-19 Resources page](#). Direct questions to, Sarah Andersen, Director of Field Services at the Oregon Office of Rural Health at [email](#) or 503-444-1570.

COVID-19: OPCA's Vaccine Information and Best Practices Workgroup

We are excited for the first COVID vaccines to reach Oregon. We also know there are many remaining questions about how vaccines will be administered to your staff and your patients and where FQHCs fit in the vaccine picture. CHCs have a critical role in providing COVID vaccinations in Oregon.



Join OPCA's Vaccine Workgroup: To support you in the development of your COVID vaccine programs,

OPCA is leading a Vaccine Information and Best Practices Workgroup. Sign-up through OPCA's [COVID-19 Resources page](#)

Sign-up by Dec. 30. Contact [Claire Tranchese](#) with questions.

COVID-19 Vaccine Facility Participation Enrollment

Employee vaccine access: If your clinical settings are unaffiliated with a larger hospital system, but have more than 100 staff, you can enroll with OHA as a COVID Vaccine Provider, and **list your own staff as a population group that you will vaccinate**. If your entity has fewer than 100 employees, check with your occupational health contractor if you have one. If not, reach out to your local hospital system(s) to ask how your employees might access their vaccine administration.

[Click here](#) to read more and enroll.

COVID-19: Member Briefings Series

Mark Your Calendar for More COVID-19 Member Briefings

WHAT: Starting Jan. 5, OPCA is hosting a twice monthly COVID-19 briefing to provide information and resources for CHCs. During this briefing, you can ask questions about emerging practices, policies, or issues with your COVID response.

WHEN: First Tuesdays and Third Wednesdays of the month at 2pm PT

For questions or to get this series added to your calendar, contact events@orpca.org

Click on the image above for more. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and tools, please visit [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#).

Register Now for OPCA's Advanced Care Learning Community Annual Conference



REGISTER NOW!

WHAT: OPCA's [Advanced Care Learning Community \(ACLC\)](#) is hosting an upcoming virtual conference called From Intent to Impact: Community Health Workers and Community Engagement to Empower Health. Day One of this conference will focus on CHW implementation strategy during the pandemic. Day Two will focus on community engagement and empowerment through community health practices and advocacy. On Day Two, keynote [Dr. Luis Manriquez](#), will discuss how the community health center model can empower patients and elevate community partners as well as share his efforts in practicing street medicine in

coordination with community partners to provide patient care when needed and where they need.

WHEN: 8am –12:30pm PT on Feb. 1 and 2, 2021, followed by a lunch hour virtual health center [poster session](#) on Feb. 3.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: All OPCA members

COST: \$55 for OPCA members

[Register here](#)

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