



In this special edition, you'll find information on submitting nominations for OPCA's Annual Awards of Excellence, the latest COVID-19 information, and resources for planning events during National Health Center Week (Aug. 8-14).

Thank you for reading.



Recognize Your Peers: Nominate by July 23 for Annual Awards of Excellence

Do you have a colleague who has gone above and beyond their job duties in the past year? Nominate them for an OPCA Award of Excellence and recognize the tireless work of your peers who have been leading change during a challenging time. OPCA is accepting nominations in five categories:

Innovation and Leadership in Transformation: Leading the effort to establish CHCs as centers of excellence through community partnerships, clinical, operational, and administrative practices

CHC Value: Extraordinary efforts in striving toward the achievement of CHC value through data, measurement, and research

Access & Sustainability: Ensuring Oregon's CHCs are able to support ongoing and evolving needs for their services and communities

Health Equity & Social Justice: Leading the cause to improve health equity for Oregonians and being grounded in the roots and mission of community health centers

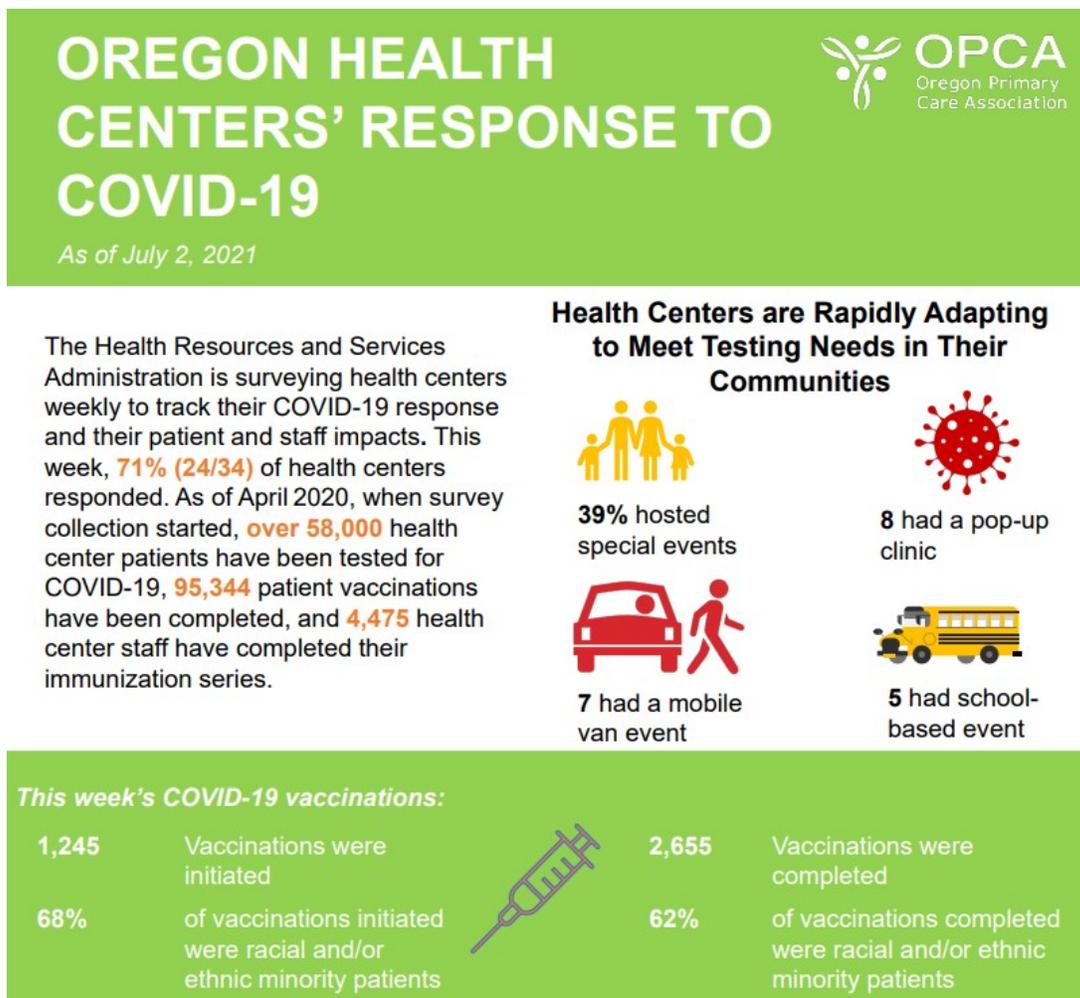
CHC Advocacy: Outstanding efforts in advocacy on behalf of health centers and the patients we serve

[Visit OPCA's website](#) to learn more and fill out a nomination form. **Submit by next Friday, July 23.**

COVID-19 in Oregon: Latest News, Data, and Resources

OHA Sets 80% Vaccination Goal to Close Equity Gap: In early July, Oregon achieved a 70% vaccination rate for Oregonians 18 years of age and older. Approaching this number in late June enabled Gov. Kate Brown to reopen the state on June 30. However, vaccination rates for Hispanic/Latino/a/x, American Indian/Alaska Native and Black/African American/African Immigrant communities are still hovering in the [mid-40% range](#).

To close the equity gap for communities of color, OHA is recommitting and focusing on increasing vaccination access through a vaccination equity strategy aimed at achieving a goal of vaccinating 80% of adults of color by the end of this summer. OHA is also committed to vaccinating 80% of all adults in coming months. Read more about the equity goals and related updates to the data dashboards in this [July 15 news release](#).

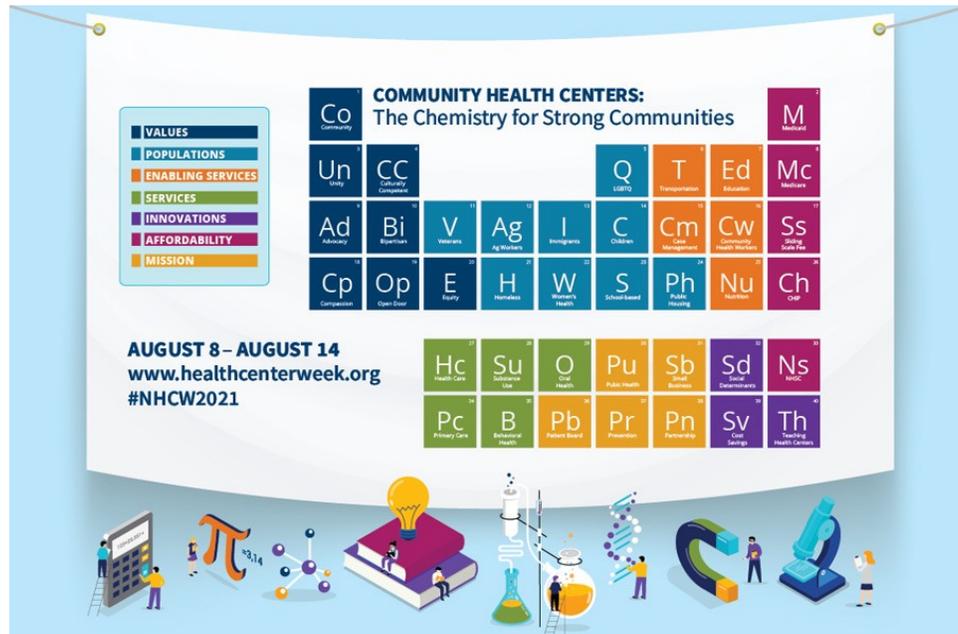


HRSA Weekly COVID-19 survey summary report for Oregon as of July 2, the latest information available. Click on the image for the full two-page summary.

The latest COVID-19 news and information can be found on [OPCA's COVID-19 Resources page](#).

NHCW Resources To Help Plan, Advocate, and Celebrate Your Health Center

It's never too late to plan events for the week of Aug. 8-14. The theme for National Health Center Week 2021 is "The Chemistry for Strong Communities." Email [OPCA](#) with questions or for support in inviting elected and other state and local officials to your events.



Resources

- ◆ [SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS](#) on the NHCW website
- ◆ [NHCW Kick-off Webinar](#)
- ◆ [Focus Days](#)
- ◆ [Activities & Event Ideas](#)
- ◆ [Social Media Graphics](#)
- ◆ [Media Toolkit](#)
- ◆ [Public & Civic Support](#)
- ◆ [Self-Care Resources](#)
- ◆ [Materiales En Español](#)

Media & Resources:

- ◆ Follow OPCA's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to see member posts on COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

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