



Good news! The deadline for submitting nominations for OPCA's Annual Awards of Excellence has been extended to July 30. Learn more below.

Also in this special edition, you'll find information on wildfire status emergency reporting, OSHA's Emergency Temporary Standard for health centers, a call for information on infrastructure projects, and National Health Center Week information and tools.

Thank you for reading.

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### **Deadline Extended: Nominate by July 30 for Annual Awards of Excellence**



***We want to honor YOU!***  
*Pictured are the 2018-19 OPCA Annual Awards of Excellence winners.*

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 Friday, July 30.**

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## Wildfire Season Emergency Reporting

HRSA has asked [Primary Care Associations \(PCAs\)](#) to take the lead in gathering critical health center information and reporting impact data back to them on the operational status of delivery sites. For Oregon health centers in areas impacted by natural disasters, we ask that you report site-level operational status to OPCA via this [quick survey](#). Find more wildfire emergency resources in the [July Operations Peer Group News](#).

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## OSHA Publishes Emergency Temporary Standard

On June 10, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published an [Emergency Temporary Standard \(ETS\)](#) after President Biden's Executive Order that prioritized ensuring the health and safety of workers. The standard outlines requirements to increase COVID-19 safety precautions in health care settings, **including health centers**. Review NACHC's [summary](#) highlighting relevant guidance for health centers. Please contact [OPCA's Policy Team](#) with questions.

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## Call for Information on Infrastructure Projects

OPCA seeks input from health centers on recent and upcoming infrastructure projects. This information will enable us and NACHC to show Congress how health centers would utilize additional federal funding that would improve CHC operations and the number of health center patients that could be served into the future. Please complete this [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to help OPCA and NACHC advocate for additional infrastructure funds for health centers. Contact [OPCA's Policy Team](#) with questions.

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## NHCW Resources for Planning Events, Advocacy, and Celebrating Your CHC

It's never too late to plan events for the week of Aug. 8-14. The theme for this year's National Health Center Week 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.

**VALUES**  
**POPULATIONS**  
**ENABLING SERVICES**  
**SERVICES**  
**INNOVATIONS**  
**AFFORDABILITY**  
**MISSION**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:  
The Chemistry for Strong Communities**

**AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 14  
www.healthcenterweek.org  
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## 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](#)
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## Media & Resources:

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

## Sign up for OPCA's Member Update



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