

# Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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## Need to Know

### **COVID-19 Therapeutics Available to All HRSA-supported Health Centers with Pharmacy Capacity**

The [HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Therapeutics Program](#) directly allocates a limited supply of several oral antiviral pills for outpatient treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19. This program supports the Biden-Harris Administration's [Test to Treat Initiative](#). Questions? Contact [Health Center Program Support](#) online. Under the **COVID-19** category, select "View More" and select **HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Therapeutics Program**. You may also call 877-464-4772 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday (except federal holidays).

**On Wednesday, the Biden Administration announced** that they are launching [COVID.gov](#), a new one-stop shop website to help all people in the U.S. gain even better access to lifesaving tools like vaccines, tests, treatments, and masks, as well as get the latest updates on COVID-19 in their area. [Read the White House fact sheet](#). The site offers place-based guidance about COVID-19 and tools for prevention and treatment. One example is the [Test-to-Treat locator](#) that includes participants in the [HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Therapeutics Program](#). (As a reminder, all HRSA-supported health centers with pharmacy capacity may now join that program.) Share [COVID.gov](#) with your colleagues and patients. We'll share promotional materials should those become available.

**On Friday, April 1 OHA COVID Antiviral Updates: Pharmacy Partner not required** If you don't have pharmacy or pharmacy partner, but want to provide Paxlovid to your patients, don't fret. The OHA program will allow you to dispense without a pharmacy partner, as long as you have a provider (MD,PA) with dispensing authorization. If you have not yet ordered COVID Oral Antivirals you should now be able to do so. This is the link to the primary order form for the antivirals - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d437bb8a87f2412aab407dc193651a96>. Paxlovid allocations should be taking place weekly. For the full OHA memo, please contact [showk@orpca.org](mailto:showk@orpca.org).

## HRSA Tidbits

**Quarterly 340B Program Registration** Open from April 1 to 15, 2022, health centers will be able to register a site that has been verified as implemented and with a site status reflected as "active" in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks Form 5B through Friday, May 27. After that date, the system will close to prepare for the July 1 start. [Email the 340B Prime Vendor Program](#) or call 888-340-2787 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. ET) to register a new site or ask questions.

[HHS Distributing an Additional \\$413 Million in Provider Relief Fund Payments to Health Care Providers Impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) HRSA made more than \$413 million in Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments to more than 3,600 providers across the country. These funds help health care providers prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

**BPHC Contact Form Reimagined for Health Centers** The [BPHC Contact Form](#) updates are based on feedback and of months-long collaboration across the bureau. The BPHC Contact Form is an addition to the Health Center Program Support phone line, available at 877-464-4772 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday (except federal holidays).

**Order COVID-19 Point-of-Care Testing Supplies and N95 Masks** HRSA invites all HRSA-supported health centers (including look-alikes) to order point-of-care testing supplies and N95 masks in the Health

Partner Order Portal (HPoP) system. Please visit HPoP or the [Health Center COVID-19 Online Community](#) for details, including organizational ordering caps, deadlines, and information about expected delivery dates. [Learn more in our bulletin from last week.](#)

## Training & Learning Opportunities

**OPCA 2022 SPRING ALL PEER GROUP GATHERING EVENT** You are cordially invited to OPCA's 2022 Spring Peer Group Gathering: Workforce Connections.

- Day 1 will take place *virtually* on **Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 PM.**
- Day 2 will take place *in-person* on **Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 4 PM** in Portland, OR. Registration is required for both events, deadline to register for Day 2 is noon, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and the in-person event requires a \$25 registration fee (Scholarships are available).
- For more information please contact: [Claire Tranchese](#), Deputy Director; [Terese Cook](#), Sustainability & Transformation Program Specialist; or, [Malia Turina](#), Events & Marketing Specialist.

**OHA Spring 2022 Pediatric COVID-19 Vaccine Learning Series: Six-month to 4 year-olds**

- Community Feedback: Preparing for the six-month to four-year old COVID-19 vaccine. April 7, noon – 1 pm PST. Register here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsceqorjluHkApnc-91OBazyezAaRYk6l>
- Hesitance & Mistrust: Vaccine hesitancy for the six-month to four-year old populations. April 14, noon – 1 pm PST. Register here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltceyuqzwoHEHBE4EKRnzYpSke0BUDful>

**Virtual 2022 CMS Quality Conference** will take place April 12-13. More information about the conference and registration will be available at <https://www.cmsqualityconference.com/>. Please contact the TA Mailbox with questions at [MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:MACQualityTA@cms.hhs.gov).

**NWRPCA Western Forum for Migrant and Community Health** has been reschedule the Forum to meet in-person April 11-13, in Portland, Oregon. [Learn more and register.](#)

**2022 NWRPCA Spring Summit** will be held May 15–17 in Seattle, Washington. [Learn more and register.](#)

## Emergency Preparedness Resources

**Crisis Standards of Communication Webinar** This training will provide staff with information and skills that can be used to improve the systems and protocols that allow their organization to efficiently communicate during a disaster. Tuesday, April 12, from 10:00 am – 11:00 am PT via Zoom. Registration Link: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DvxMLnKPSzuLo11WFYwk1g](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DvxMLnKPSzuLo11WFYwk1g)

**Does your FQHC need a 2022 Emergency Plan or Succession Plan Update?** OPCA has reserved a bank of hours with [Edward Colson](#) of [Ready Northwest](#) for member FQHCs to utilize for emergency preparedness review. Contact [Sonya Howk](#) for more information.

**Reporting Emergency Operational Status** Please remember that if there is a declared emergency due to Winter Weather, we ask that you report your clinic status. You can do so here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT>, or at the QR code attached (open the file, point your phone camera at the graphic and a link should pop up to the form).

Questions? Please feel free to contact [showk@orpc.org](mailto:showk@orpc.org).

