

January 6, 2022

### Need to Know

**HRSA COVID-19 Testing Supply Program** HRSA continues to onboard health centers & Look-alikes to the [HRSA COVID-19 Testing Supply Program](#). Order free, FDA-approved COVID-19 at-home self-test kits. Staff responsible for ordering test kits need access to the [Health Center COVID-19 Online Community](#) to complete required forms & access TA resources. Complete the [self-registration](#) to enroll.

**CMS Releases New Guidance on Implementation of COVID-19 Staff Vaccination Interim Final Rule** [Guidelines to assess and maintain compliance](#) with COVID-19 vaccination requirements. includes new compliance dates, survey guidelines, and details on required policies & procedures. ***We strongly urge you to review all materials in full.***

### HRSA Tidbits

**New Diabetes Funding Opportunity** CDC released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to fund six recipients to assess long-term cost-effectiveness & barriers to structured lifestyle interventions. Application deadline Monday, January 24. Updated [Survey User Guide](#) available January 14.

**Uniform Data System 2021 Reporting Season Begins January 1.** Health Center Program awardees & look-alikes are required to submit complete and accurate UDS reports by Tuesday, February 15. **UDS Support Line:** 866-837-4357 (866-UDS-HELP) or email [udshelp330@bphcdata.net](mailto:udshelp330@bphcdata.net) **EHBs Assistance:** 877-464-4772 (Option 1) or via the [BPHC Contact Form](#).

**HHS Racial Equity in Postpartum Care Challenge** Office on Women's Health seeks innovative strategies for postpartum care for Black/African American & American Indian/Alaska Native women enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. Total cash prize is \$1,800,000. [Apply by 2:00 p.m. PT January 31.](#)

**NOFO: Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network** HRSA announced \$48 million for community based-organizations to expand public health capacity in rural & tribal communities. [Read more](#)

**Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program Extends Application Cycle** Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program (NC LRP) application cycle has been extended to January 27. [NC LRP webpage](#) for more details.

**Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting Portal Open** PRF reporting portal is open March 31 for providers required to report payments during Reporting Period 2. Learn more about [reporting requirements](#).

**Have your clinicians applied for Loan Repayment?** CHC's clinicians are likely eligible for \$50,000 to \$100,000 in Federal funds to pay off student loans regardless of HPSA score. [Must apply by February 3.](#)

**NACHC's New Oversight of [COVID-19 Funding Streams Resource with Quick Links](#)** provides an overview of multiple COVID-19 funding streams. [Download](#) here.

## **Training & Learning Opportunities**

**Short Resource Highlights Legally Focused Governance [Legal Lessons Learned from the Pandemic for Health Center Boards](#)** details maintaining reasonable levels of flexibility in bylaws & policies. [Download here.](#)

**Free Clinical TA re: Prevalence of Unhealthy Alcohol Use (SBIRT)** OHA Transformation Center & ORPRN collaboration, ANTECEDENT offers 15 months of no-cost support. [Click here to see the full flyer.](#)

**Advancing Health Center & School Partnerships to Improve COVID-19 Vaccination for Children & Adolescents** A [short TA document](#) by NACHC with tips for partnering with schools.

**Financial & Operational Benchmarking Trends & Techniques**  
Webinar based on Capital Link's [Federally Qualified Health Centers \(FQHCs\) Financial and Operational Performance Analysis](#) January 12, 10:00-11:00 am PT [Register here](#)

**Empirically-supported Mindfulness & Resilience Drop-in Sessions** [Building Resiliency: Mini Skill-Building Drop-In Series](#) explores strategies by experts in the field. January 13, 12:00 pm PT [Click here to register.](#)

**Strategic Workforce Planning for Health Professions-Education, Training Retention & Recruitment** Health centers develop a strategic workforce plan focused on health professions-education & training (HP-ET) strategies. [Apply by January 14.](#)

**Diabetes in Special & Vulnerable Populations:** Special & Vulnerable Diabetes Task Force announces four opportunities that span the diabetes care continuum. [Learn more & register by 8:59 pm PT January 16.](#)

**Screening for Social Determinants of Health (SDOH):** Farmworker Health Network invites CHCs to integrate best practices on screening & addressing SDOH factors. First session January, 18 [Register now](#)

**Medical-Legal Partnership in Health Centers Webinar Series**  
National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership presents four webinars establishing medical-legal partnerships to address social/legal needs of patients. January 18, 10 am – 12:30 pm PT [Register here](#)

**Health Centers Build Capacity to Engage Social Media Influencers** [Leveraging the Power of Social Media Influencers to Combat COVID-19 Misinformation among Parents of Unvaccinated Youth](#) January 18, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm PT. [Register here.](#)

**Health Center Clinician Office Hours: Leveraging Telehealth for SUD Care** An interactive office hour; Clinicians from NCCC's

Substance Use Warmline deliver promising practices for SUD care through telehealth. January 20, 12:00-1:00 pm PT [Register here](#)

**Six Sessions Identify & Promote Promising Practices for Optimal, Virtual Training** [Virtual Engagement for Professionals: Center of Excellence](#) will meet January 20, 11:00 am PT [Click here to register](#).

**NACHC's Documentation & Revenue Tips in Community Health** Review opportunities to improve clinical documentation, professional coding, & medical billing; focus on CMS rules. January 20, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm PT. [Learn more](#), and [register here](#).

**Differences Between Misinformation & Disinformation** Leverage communication strategies to promote digital & health literacy in your communities [Care Teams: Critical stakeholders to combat mis/disinformation harming communities during COVID-19](#) January 26, 11:00 am – 12 pm PT [Register here](#)

**Tend Health Partnered with UMass Center for Integrated Primary Care** to launch [Healing During COVID: A Course for Health Professionals](#). Facilitated by Tend Health Co-Founder, Tina Runyan, PhD, ABPP, the course is Thursdays February 3 – March 3, 4 - 5:30 pm PT. [Learn more and register](#).

**Intimate Partner Violence + Exploitation During COVID-19 in Farmworker Communities** Examine intimate partner violence (IPV) & exploitation in farmworker communities during COVID-19. [Learn more or apply by Friday, February 11](#).

**NACHC Policy & Issues Forum (P&I) Special Programming** presents a hybrid [2022 Board Member Boot Camp \(BMBC\)](#) February 13, Marriott Marquis, Washington, DC. [Register online to attend In-Person](#), or [Virtually](#)

**NACHC's Basic-Level Operations Management Training [2022 Practical Art of Health Center Operations \(PAHCO\)](#)** proven strategies & techniques to ensure efficient & patient-centered procedures  
*Approved for up to 10.8 CPE credits* February 22–23 [Register and learn more](#) by February 8.

## **Emergency Preparedness Resources**

### **All-Hazards Emergency Preparedness and Response Competencies for Health Center Staff – Paid\* Focus Groups**

Eligible health centers are invited to join a paid (\$50 gift card) focus group to provide insights regarding training needed to be properly prepared. [Register for a 90-minute focus group](#) by Friday, January 21.

**Does your FQHC need a 2022 Emergency Plan Update?** OPCA has reserved a bank of hours with Edward Colson of Ready Northwest to be used OPCA member FQHCs to aid with emergency plan review and assessment, pandemic or other public health emergency planning, natural disaster preparedness, cybercrime preparedness, business continuity, planning for table-top exercises and other emergency preparedness activities. 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@orpca.org](mailto:showk@orpca.org).



