Az CRH Highlights

**Arizonans urged to get flu shots**

As Arizona continues efforts to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19, state health agencies and the Governor’s Office are partnering with health care providers and businesses to prepare for the upcoming flu season. “Every Arizonan who can get the influenza vaccine should get it right away,” said Arizona Department of Health Services Director Dr. Cara Christ. “The influenza vaccine is safe and is the best prevention tool we have against the influenza virus. We need everyone to do their part to stop the spread of influenza and COVID-19 in our communities, starting now.”
Join the special livestream event, "Sport & Science in the Era of COVID-19"

On Wednesday, September 16 from 11 am to 12:30pm - featuring AzCRH Director, Dan Derksen, MD, Dave Heeke, UA Director of Athletics and Janko Nikolich Zugich, MD, PhD, chair of Immunobiology, [https://arthritis.arizona.edu/uaac-bear-down-health-sport-and-science-era-covid-19](https://arthritis.arizona.edu/uaac-bear-down-health-sport-and-science-era-covid-19)

Join our next AzCRH Webinar on September 17

**Be Connected – The Upstream Approach**

Be Connected uses an upstream approach to suicide prevention in the military/veteran community. By meeting the veteran where they are with the resources that they need, their goal is to help before the moment of crisis, preventing suicide. Presenters: Courtney Smythe (pictured), and AzCRH staff members Ariel Tarango and Maria Losoya.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month

All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

Every 40 seconds. That is how often someone dies by suicide, with nearly 800,000 deaths globally per year. Each September, suicide survivors and suicide prevention professionals and advocates around the world dedicate Suicide Prevention Month to raising awareness and – more importantly –
taking action to fight this public health issue.

Suicide is one of the most preventable kinds of deaths, if we take action. Here are a few ways you can help someone in need.

Spend 10 minutes familiarizing yourself with the crisis resources available in Arizona. Invest some time reviewing the suicide prevention suggestions prepared by local and national organizations.

Then, take 30 seconds to put the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (800-273-8255) into your phone contacts. You might even call the number yourself so you can explain the process later if you need to.

Join us for the Road to the Rural Health Conference Webinar Series starting September 24!

Session 1: Back to School in the COVID Bubble: Best Practices from Rural Schools and Communities: Panel and Discussion
Thursday, September 24, 12 noon - 1:30pm
Confirmed panelists:

- State Superintendent Kathy Hoffman
- Pima County Superintendent Dustin Williams
- Pima County Health Department Medical Director Francisco Garcia
- Kenney Denney, Kirkland Elementary School District Governing Board, Yavapai County, and ASBA Rural Alliance
- Facilitated by State Senator Heather Carter
For more information, contact Jennifer Peters at petersjs@arizona.edu

The Road to The Rural Health Clinic Summit Webinar Series

Compliance and Regulatory Priorities
Kate Hill from The Compliance Team
**Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM AZ time**
Advance Registration Required – [Click here]

Revenue Cycle Management Best Practices
Patty Harper from inQuiseek
**Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 11:00 AM AZ time**
Advance Registration Required – [Click here]

Clinic Designations and Service Area Optimization
Jonathan Pantenburg from Stroudwater
**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 11:00 AM AZ time**
Advance Registration Required – [Click here]

Questions? E-mail Jill Bullock at: Bullock1@arizona.edu

HHS Rural Action Plan to Improve Care

Last week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the **Rural Action Plan**, outlining existing and upcoming Federal activities to improve care in rural communities. It examines the key challenges facing rural communities and lays out a four-point strategy to transform rural health and human services: 1) build a sustainable health and human services model for rural communities; 2) leverage technology and innovation; 3) focus on preventing disease and mortality; and 4) increase rural access to care.

Az CRH NEWS

Sep 10, 2020 : UA Arthritis Center’s virtual fundraiser includes panel talk, reception
Sep 09, 2020 : Contact Tracing: Training New Workers and Connecting with Rural Residents
Aug 31, 2020  :  State nears 5,000 COVID-19 deaths, but overall numbers trending down
Aug 30, 2020  :  Opposition to Obamacare Becomes Political Liability for GOP Incumbents
Aug 18, 2020  :  Rural areas could face challenges during fall and winter
Aug 14, 2020  :  On Native American Land, Contact Tracing is Saving Lives
Aug 03, 2020  :  'Hit us at our core': Vulnerable Navajo Nation fears a second COVID-19 wave

UPCOMING RURAL EVENTS

Sep 10 2020  :  Addressing Urban American Indian/Alaska Native Data Challenges, a webinar
Sep 12 2020  :  AHCCCS Health Equity Forums
Sep 16 2020  :  Special Livestream event: Sport & Science in the Era of COVID-19
Sep 16 2020  :  Seminario Web de Tele-salud: ¿Qué es la telemedicina?
Sep 17 2020  :  AzCRH Webinar: Be Connected – The Upstream Approach
Oct 1 2020  :  The 2nd annual Arizona Telemedicine Policy Symposium
Oct 13 2020  :  Compliance and Regulatory Priorities
Oct 15 2020  :  Arizona Health Equity Conference

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HRSA Look-Alike Initial Designation Technical Assistance
Resources to assist organizations in the application for Look-Alike Initial Designation under the Health Center Program.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Applications accepted on an ongoing basis
Sponsors: Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services
Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellows
A fellowship program designed to develop the capacity of mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy. Individuals with diverse and unique perspectives are strongly encouraged to apply, and the foundation has an interest in rural.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Nov 9, 2020
Sponsor: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program
Secured, direct loans and loan guarantees for eligible water infrastructure projects, with 15% of funds set aside for small, rural, and tribal communities.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Oct 15, 2020
Sponsor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

3RNet Recruiting for Retention Academy
Online educational opportunity to learn about tools and resources that can assist in recruiting qualified providers to rural and underserved areas.
Geographic coverage: Nationwide
Application Deadline: Oct 6, 2020
Sponsor: National Rural Recruitment & Retention Network

Rural-Urban Differences Among Older Adults. Researchers at the University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center created a chartbook with characteristics of older adults in rural counties, as well as rural-urban differences across four domains: demographics, socioeconomic characteristics, healthcare access and use, and health characteristics.

RWJF Spotlight on Rural: Intersection of Health and Housing – Tuesday,
**September 22 at 3:00 pm ET.** Rural community leaders will share their strategies for providing safe and affordable housing. The event is hosted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) County Health Rankings and Roadmaps.

**Introducing the Rural Community Paramedicine Toolkit – Thursday, September 24 at 1:00 pm ET.** The Rural Health Information Hub will provide an overview of [community paramedicine](#), in which paramedics become certified to provide health care outside the scope of first responder services.