Az CRH Highlights

THANK YOU for participating in the AZ Rural & Public Health Policy Forum

We were thrilled to have over 150 participants for our first virtual Policy Forum! Recordings of the sessions and PDFs of presentations and fact sheets are posted on the Arizona Rural & Public Health Policy Forum page.

The University of Arizona To Be First State Vaccination Site In Southern Arizona
Governor Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Health Services today announced a partnership with the University of Arizona and the Pima County Health Department to operate a state vaccination site on the university’s mall area on central Tucson campus. 

» Read more.

Related:

» President Biden and Vice President Harris took a virtual tour of the State Farm Stadium Vaccination Site in Glendale. » Read transcript.

» Thousands of Arizonans to Contribute to 2-Year COVID-19 Study
A cross-campus collaboration spearheaded by the College of Public Health seeks to understand ‘long COVID’ and other coronavirus mysteries.

AzCRH celebrates Black History Month this February

We encourage all our partners to take time to explore the history of the Black experience. Some resources include:

Celebrate and reflect with Arizona PBS:
https://azpbs.org/2021/02/black-history-month-voices/
https://azpbs.org/2021/01/arizona-pbs-celebrates-black-history-month-2/

Explore profiles of influential African American leaders in public health, past and present:
https://depts.washington.edu/hservmph/blackhistorymonth
(We recommend W.E.B. Du Bois and Camara Jones!)

In this current COVID era, learn about Onesimus, and the origins of the innovation of inoculation:
https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2020/12/15/enslaved-african-smallpox-vaccine-coronavirus/

Learn about the roots of vaccine hesitancy in African American communities,
and how Black scientists, doctors, and leaders are working to overcome this: https://www.webmd.com/vaccines/covid-19-vaccine/news/20210202/black-vaccine-hesitancy-rooted-in-mistrust-doubts

Naloxone Trainings for Community Leaders

Many in our communities are struggling with accidental opioid overdoses. Opioids are heroin, prescription drugs (like hydrocodone and oxycodone), and other drugs with fentanyl (a strong and potentially lethal opioid). Opioid Use Disorder is a medical condition that may cause an individual to be at risk for a possibly fatal overdose. Naloxone is a life-saving Opioid overdose reversal drug that can be used by anyone.

Click to schedule a training

Az CRH NEWS

Feb 10, 2021 : Governor Ducey Announces The University Of Arizona To Be First State Vaccination Site In Southern Arizona
Feb 08, 2021 : Arizona Faith Leaders Urge Arizonans To Get The COVID-19 Vaccine
Feb 08, 2021 : Big differences between the COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the Phoenix area vs. rural Arizona
Feb 06, 2021 : Arizona doctors wary of controversial ivermectin treatment for COVID-19
Jan 19, 2021 : Health officials ramp up COVID-19 vaccines with new sites, eligibility
Jan 05, 2021 : COVID-19 cases in Arizona record single-day high for deaths
Dec 21, 2020 : ACA enrollment uptick a ‘pleasant surprise’ after years of declines
Dec 02, 2020 : State posts new COVID-19 case record, as possible holiday surge
UPCOMING RURAL EVENTS

Feb 18 2021 : Overdose Recognition & Naloxone Training for Community Health Workers and Representatives
Feb 19 2021 : Dine College | ASM-Navajo Nation Conference
Feb 21 2021 : Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) ECHO (multiple dates)
Feb 22 2021 : CDC National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine
Feb 25 2021 : Entrenamiento: Prevención De Sobredosis Para La Comunidad del Sur de Tucson
Feb 26 2021 : Statewide Professional Overdose Prevention & Naloxone Training
Mar 5 2021 : Resiliency Building and Trauma Informed Approaches to Youth Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery
Mar 9 2021 : Clinic Designations and Service Area Optimization

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

NOSORH Grant Writing Institute – February 26. The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) offers a series of nine online learning sessions, March 8th to May 17th, covering grant writing with a rural health focus. There is a $500 registration fee, with a group discount of $500 when five students are registered together.

PCORI Capacity Building for Patient-Centered Research – April 1. The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) funds projects that encourage the integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other stakeholders as members of the research process. Projects should be designed to support PCORI's Strategic Plan. A separate program, PCORI Stakeholder Convening Support, provides funding for organizations to convene patients, researchers, clinicians, purchasers, payers, health system leaders, and other stakeholders for collaboration around a central focus or theme. These convenings can center on geography, a specific health condition, or a population. Letters of intent, required for both programs, are due on
April 1.

**Direct Assistance: Assigning CDC Staff to State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Health Agencies**

Funding for CDC staff to be assigned to provide direct, individualized technical assistance, guidance, and coordination for awardees of grants and cooperative agreements made under specific CDC programs.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide and U.S. Territories

Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Sponsor: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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**Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) Local Drug Crises Grants**

Grants to support community-level efforts to prevent opioid, methamphetamine, and prescription drug use among youth ages 12-18, including activities targeting rural areas and other underserved populations and communities.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Application Deadline: Apr 1, 2021

Sponsors: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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**The American Indian College Fund Full Circle Scholarships**

Scholarships for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Indigenous Canadian students seeking technical, undergraduate, and graduate degrees at Tribal colleges and universities and nonprofit, accredited schools in the United States.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide

Application Deadline: May 31, 2021

Sponsor: American Indian College Fund

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**COVID-19 and the Legacy of Racism: Vaccine Hesitancy and Treatment Bias** video webinar with leading public health experts exploring how to address the legacy of racism in health care and the impact of discrimination and bias on vaccine hesitancy, vaccine access and COVID-19 health outcomes. This was the third
webinar in our series on "Stopping the Other Pandemic: Systemic Racism and Health."

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines. On February 1, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services released new guidelines used to determine financial eligibility for certain federal programs. Programs using the guidelines include Head Start, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the National School Lunch Program, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program.


CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Frequently Asked Questions. Includes information on terms and conditions, attestation, reporting and auditing requirements, general and targeted distributions, and how to report capital equipment purchases.

SAMHSA Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) created this list of resources, tools, and trainings for behavioral health and recovery providers.