



## COVID-19 Weekly Compendium #12

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### CLINICAL UPDATE

- [Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing](#) - USCDC
- [Latest Guidance to Support Clinical Decision-making](#) - epocrates® (updated May 18)
  1. Inadequate handwashing before and after pt contact, longer work hours, and improper use of personal protective equipment are the [biggest risk factors for COVID-19 among health care workers](#), according to a “Living Rapid Review” in Annals of Internal Medicine.
  2. [Pts w/ lupus who take an antimalarial such as hydroxychloroquine](#) seem to develop SARS-CoV-2 infection and severe COVID-19 at a similar frequency to lupus pts not treated w/antimalarials, according to global registry data on 80 pts.
  3. USCDC reports a [notable decline in orders and doses administered](#) for routine pediatric non-influenza and measles-containing vaccines since March 13, when the COVID-19 pandemic was declared a national emergency. Experts fear children and their communities could be at higher risk for outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases.
  4. FDA has issued an emergency use authorization for the Sofia 2 SARS Antigen FIA test, the [1st approved COVID-19 antigen test](#), which can quickly detect protein fragments on or w/in the virus. Although results are often available in minutes, negative results may need to be confirmed w/ a PCR test, due to the antigen test’s lower sensitivity.
  5. [Testosterone suppression may protect against COVID-19](#), according to an Italian population-based cohort study. Of 9,280 SARS-CoV-2–positive pts in Veneto, males had worse clinical outcomes than females. Also, prostate cancer pts receiving androgen deprivation tx were less likely to be infected than those who weren’t.

You can also access CDC’s latest COVID-19 guidance, with [epocrates’ COVID-19 decision tool](#). Plus, check out the [COVID-19 Tx Trial Updates tool](#) for the most current info on investigational therapeutics.

### DENTAL UPDATE

- [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response](#) - USCDC (Updated May 19)

MAINE CDC HEALTH ALERT NETWORK SYSTEM (HAN) - [Recent Alerts](#)

UNIVERSAL TESTING IN CONGREGATE LIVING SETTINGS

USCDC HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN) - [Recent Alerts](#)

### WHAT’S NEW FROM THE USCDC

- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Updated Guidance - Miscellaneous Topics](#)



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### POLICY UPDATE

#### **NACHC COVID-19 Federal Funding Sources Spreadsheet is Live**

NACHC has prepared a comprehensive [spreadsheet](#) which consolidates a range of information on seven sources of Federal funds related to COVID-19 (H8C, H8D, H8E, Provider Relief Fund, Paycheck Protection Loans, reimbursement for uninsured patients, and FCC telehealth funding). For each funding source, the spreadsheet outlines key requirements, deadlines, amounts, and rules around eligible expenses. The spreadsheet is now ready to be shared with health centers. NACHC will update this spreadsheet as new information becomes available.

#### **HRSA Publishes RFI Seeking Input on HPSA Scoring Criteria**

On May 24, HRSA's Bureau of Health Workforce released a [Request for Information](#) on "considerations that may inform HRSA's future decisions regarding changes that could be made to HPSA scoring criteria." They are interested in stakeholder input regarding "possible additions or alternative approaches to HPSA scoring" that would be permissible given current statute and regulations. Comments will be accepted through September 18, 2020.

#### **Paycheck Protection Program Reform Legislation**

Maine Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King are working to reform the Paycheck Protection Program to provide businesses with greater flexibility on how the money is spent and by when. Right now, 75% of funds must be used on payroll and all staff needs to be brought back by June 30 for loans to be forgiven. Among other changes, Collins, who sponsored the original bill, wants to give businesses an additional two months to return to full staffing. King proposes giving businesses six months to bring staff back to work. Both senators want Paycheck Protection Program money to be able to be used on other things like personal protective equipment.

#### ***IMPORTANT:* Deadline for all CHCs for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting is June 3**

On May 20, 2020, [HHS announced](#) that June 3, 2020, is the new important two-part deadline for all health care providers receiving funds from the PRF to:

- Attest via the [HHS portal](#) that they accept the Terms and Conditions of the PRF funds. CHCs that have received more than one allocation of PRF funds must attest to [separate T&Cs for each allocation](#).
- [Provide HHS](#) with an accounting of their annual revenues by submitting tax forms or financial statements. HHS needs this to ensure that the allocation from the second "general distribution" of PRF funds (totaling \$20 billion) will reflect each provider's share of total patient revenue. If you have yet to receive a second distribution, providing this information will enable HHS to calculate your allocation; if you already received a second distribution, this information is needed to verify the amount provided. CHCs who fail to submit this financial information to HHS by June 3, 2020, will be **ineligible for funding from the second distribution – and will be required to return any funding already provided.**

**\*\*Join MPCA on SLACK!** We are building our communication outreach capacity between meetings using the Slack communication platform. Many of you are already connected with us in several peer groups including our **Clinical Channel** and our **Billing and Coding Chanel**. Please feel free to reach out to [it@mepca.org](mailto:it@mepca.org) for help with joining. **\*\***



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### INTERESTING READS

- [Superspreader Events Offer a Clue on Curbing Coronavirus](#) - *The Wall Street Journal* (May 24)  
Some scientists looking for ways to prevent a return to exponential growth in coronavirus infections after lockdowns are lifted are zeroing in on a new approach: focus on avoiding superspreading events.  
**Accompanying Video** - [Why Stadiums are Incubators for Coronavirus Spread](#)
- [Amid the Coronavirus Crisis, a Regimen for Re-entry](#) - *The New Yorker* (May 13)  
Health-care workers have been on the job throughout the pandemic. What can they teach us about the safest way to lift a lockdown?
- [We Need One Response — Not 50 — to Fight Covid-19](#) - *STAT News* (May 22)  
In ordinary times, states handle the public health crises that affect their residents. That usually works well, because challenges in California can vastly differ from those in Connecticut. But these are not ordinary times.

### TELEHEALTH UPDATE

#### **Rapid Telehealth Implementation During COVID-19 ECHO - Ongoing Learning Series**

- **Tuesdays** (except for the 3rd Tuesday each month) from 1:00 - 2:00 PM via Zoom.
  - **Tuesday, June 2** - Remote care for SUD/ODD and MAT
  - **SAVE the DATES:** June 9, June 16 and June 30 - topics TBD
- For more information or to register as a participant, please email Greg Parent - [gparent@mepca.org](mailto:gparent@mepca.org).

For updates from insurers and other relevant information concerning Telehealth, please visit the Telehealth Resources page on the MPCA [website](#).

### CHCNET UPDATE

**COVID-19 resources for all-things Health Information Technology, including Telehealth and EHR.** Please send your questions or challenges related to Health Information Technology to Greg Parent: [gparent@mepca.org](mailto:gparent@mepca.org) and/or Lisa Tuttle: [ltuttle@mepca.org](mailto:ltuttle@mepca.org).

**CHCNet partnership with Health Initiatives Consulting (HIC):** For support from the HIC team with data mapping, EHR functions, or any other concerns related to your health information technology tools or workflows, contact Greg Parent: [gparent@mepca.org](mailto:gparent@mepca.org).

**Recording available:** "[Managing Patients with COVID-19 Risk through the Health Information Exchange](#)". If you have questions about the Health Information Exchange, please reach out to Greg Parent, [gparent@mepca.org](mailto:gparent@mepca.org).

**NACHC EHR User Groups** - For more information about the User Groups and to sign up, click [here](#).

- **eClinicalWorks** - Monthly; Every Second Monday at 12:00PM ET
- **NextGen Healthcare** - Monthly; Third Wednesday at 2:00PM ET
- **Greenway Intergy** - Quarterly; at 2:00PM ET
- **Centricity** - In-person only
- **athenahealth** - Quarterly; Third Friday at 1:00PM ET



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### **STAY INFORMED:**

- **MeCDC General Briefing on COVID-19**
  - **Mondays** | 1:00-2:00 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/544261659>
- **MeCDC Weekly Coronavirus Update for Hospital Employees - hosted by Rita Owsiak**
  - **Fridays** | 1:30 - 2:00 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/636067483> | Meeting ID: 636 067 483
- **CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls**
  - **Tuesdays and Thursdays** | 5:00 - 6:00 PM; Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820/Access Passcode: 8977438
- **NETRC Telehealth Virtual Office Hours**
  - **Tuesdays** | 8:00 AM - Call in: +1 646 558 8656 US; Meeting ID: 869 834 403
  - **Thursdays** | 12:00 PM - Call in: +1 646 558 8656 US; Meeting ID: 477 247 220
- **MPCA Compendium**
  - Emailed | **Tuesdays**
- **Maine CDC Coronavirus Update for Long Term Care Facilities - hosted by Rita Owsiak**
  - **Wednesdays** | 1:00 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/570558574>
- **Maine CDC Coronavirus Update for Clinicians hosted by Stephen Sears, MD**
  - **Thursdays** | 12:30 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/798526090>
- **MPCA hosts CHC Network Office Hours**
  - **Thursdays** | 4:00 - 5:00 PM: <https://mepca.zoom.us/j/394295081>
- **MeCDC COVID-19 and Children**
  - **Fridays** | 12:15 - 1:00 PM: <https://zoom.us/j/871527860> +19292056099, 871527860#

### **SIGN UP:**

Updates related to COVID-19 cases and screening criteria are available in real-time through the [Maine Health Alert Network](#), [US CDC Health Alert Network](#), and the [MeCDC](#). Sign up for daily updates sent directly to your inbox.

### **MAINE HELPS:**

- **Maine Schools** providing [meals to students](#) during extended remote learning
- **Good Shepard Food Bank** - [Food Pantry Changes & Information](#) (Updated by 2:00 PM daily)
- **DHHS Office of Family Independence** - [COVID 19 Changes](#) (April 6)
- **Resources** for how [Mainers Can Help](#)
- **Maine Medical Reserve Corps (MMRC)** - [A group of local volunteers, connected to a national network.](#)
- **211** - Community Resource Help



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### RESOURCES FOR COPING AND STRESS

[Supporting Youth and Families: Managing Stress and Anxiety in the age of COVID-19: Webinar - space is limited](#)

Thursday June 4, 2020 | 12:00-1:30 PM via Zoom

[MaineHealth Resiliency ECHO](#)

Wednesdays | 12:00 PM EST | **Zoom Link:** <https://echo.zoom.us/j/156379662>

[Hanley Center Virtual Peer Support \(VPS\) Sessions](#)

Thursdays | 3-6 pm (drop in for any or all of it!) | **Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/9756185852>

NO registration necessary. NO cost. COME AS YOU ARE - frazzled, ragged or clear headed!

Dial-in Instructions:

One tap mobile +16468769923,,9756185852# US (New York)

Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

**Meeting ID:** 975 618 5852



**"FrontLine WarmLine" Launches to Help Maine's Health Care Workers and First Responders Manage Emotional Toll of COVID-19**

For more information on these services [click here](#).

#### Guidance on Coping and Stress

[Healthcare Personnel and First Responders: How to Cope with Stress and Build Resilience](#) - USCDC

[Substance Use Disorder Virtual Recovery Supports](#) - OBH

**SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990

[National Domestic Violence Hotline:](#)

1-800-799-7233 / TTY 1-800-787-3224

**Maine Crisis Hotline:** 1-888-568-1112

[Training and Technical Assistance Related to COVID-19](#)

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