



COVID-19 Weekly Compendium #17

LATEST FROM THE USCDC

- [Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for COVID-19](#) - (June 28)
- [Healthcare Facilities: Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) - (June 28)
- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#) - (June 28)
- [Considerations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings](#) - (June 28)

RACIAL JUSTICE/HEALTH DISPARITY RESOURCES & INFORMATION

- [COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#) - *USCDC* (June 25)
Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put some members of racial and ethnic minority groups at increased risk of getting COVID-19 or experiencing severe illness, regardless of age.
- [‘The direct result of racism’: Covid-19 lays bare how discrimination drives health disparities among Black people](#) - *STAT* (June 20)
The disparities have long been documented. Black people are more likely than white people to die from cancer. They are more likely to suffer from chronic pain, diabetes, and depression. Black children report higher levels of stress. Black mothers are more likely to die in childbirth.
- [Diagnosing and Treating Systemic Racism](#) - *The New England Journal of Medicine* (June 10)
For physicians, the words “I can’t breathe” are a primal cry for help. As many physicians have left their comfort zones to care for patients with Covid-19–associated respiratory failure, the role of the medical profession in addressing this life-defining need has rarely been clearer.

For resources and other relevant information, please visit the [Racial Justice/Health Disparities Resources](#) page on the [MPCA website](#).

POLICY UPDATE

HHS Delays Deadline for First Quarterly PRF Report

Under Section 15011 of the CARES Act, providers who received more than \$150,000 from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) are required to submit quarterly progress reports, with the first report slated to be due July 10, 2020. Earlier this month, HHS updated its CARES Act PRF [FAQs](#) to reflect that the deadline is delayed indefinitely and they are developing a report containing all information necessary for recipients of PRF payments to comply with the quarterly reporting requirements.

NACHC-Supported Legislative Efforts in Congress

There are a number of COVID-19 bills in Congress from telehealth to workforce to testing and more that NACHC is tracking and working with Congressional offices to support. You can view the initial list of bills NACHC is supporting, along with a brief summary of each proposed measure by clicking [here](#).



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INTERESTING READS

- [Community Health Centers and Covid-19 - Time for Congress to Act](#) - *The New England Journal of Medicine* (June 26)
As residents, we were already terrified by the threat that Covid-19 poses to the lives of our patients. Now we've come to fear for another victim: community health centers (CHCs).
- [Decades-Old Soviet Studies Hint at Coronavirus Strategy](#) - *The New York Times* (June 25)
A married pair of virologists in Moscow tested a vaccine on their own children in the 1950s. Now, a side effect they found is sparking new hope for a defense against the coronavirus.
- [National Findings on Health Centers' Response to COVID-19](#) - *NACHC* (June 12)
The Health Resources and Services Administration is surveying health centers weekly to track their COVID-19 response and their patient and staff impacts. 73% (1,011) of health centers responded this week. As of June 5th, over one million health center patients have been tested for COVID-19.

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 30** - *Reopening and Sustainability - Telehealth after the Pandemic* (pt.2)
- For more information or to register as a participant, please email Greg Parent - gparent@mepca.org.

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

**** 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 for help with joining. ******



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CHCNET UPDATE

CHCNet Data Academy two-part data governance live learning series, presented in partnership with Health Initiatives Consulting:

- **Wednesday, July 22 | 1:00 - 2:00 PM** - [Data Governance Reset, Repositioning and Redesign for Strategic Margin and Mission](#)

For more information including meeting invitations, connection links, phone numbers, and details about learning objectives, please contact Greg Parent: (gparent@mepca.org).

For the latest information concerning the MPCA's HCCN, Community Health Center Network of Maine (CHCNet), or for support with health information technology needs, please visit the [CHCNet Member Portal](#) or contact Greg Parent: gparent@mepca.org and/or Lisa Tuttle: ltuttle@mepca.org.

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

For the **Stay Informed, Sign Up, Maine Helps, and Coping and Stress Resources** information, please visit the [Weekly Compendium Resources Addendum](#) page on the MPCA website.

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