

COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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CLINICAL UPDATES

[Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine - April 13, 2021](#)

[1 in 3 COVID-19 patients are diagnosed with a neuropsychiatric condition in the next six months, large study finds - STAT \(4/6\)](#)

[Post-COVID Conditions - USCDC \(4/8\)](#)

VACCINE UPDATES

[Five-Day Course of Oral Antiviral Appears to Stop SARS-CoV-2 in Its Tracks - Medscape \(3/8\)](#)

[COVID Shot Earlier in Pregnancy Better for Baby: Study - HealthDay \(4/6\)](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination - USCDC \(3/12\)](#)

**Mitigating Burnout and Maintaining Provider Satisfaction during Vaccination Rollouts:
Evolving Care Team Models in the Context of the Pandemic and Strategies
to Assess Provider Satisfaction**

Wednesday, April 21 | 12:00 PM | [Information and Registration](#)

DENTAL UPDATES

[Burnout making dental students think twice about dentistry - DrBicuspid.com \(4/8\)](#)

[Saliva tests may be effective in diagnosing COVID-19 - DrBicuspid.com \(3/1\)](#)

POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS

HRSA Expands COVID-19 Vaccine Program to ALL CHCs

Announced in a [Press Release](#) on April 7, HRSA opened the COVID-19 Vaccine Program to *ALL CHCs*. Over 520+ CHCs can submit orders beginning this week. The program will encompass approximately 200 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines for 500 CHCs and be distributed across over 1,500 sites. Thus far, the Program has administered over 700,000 doses, with 70% administered to minorities.

CMS Administrator and HHS Deputy Secretary will Get Confirmation Hearings

On April 15, the Senate Finance Committee will hold hearings for two senior health-related nominees: one for the nominee to become the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, and the other is the nominee for Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, Andrea Palm. Palm was the top health official in Wisconsin during the pandemic and would be supervising much of HHS' day-to-day operations as the department's number two official. They are expected to be confirmed and will join several former Obama era colleagues who are now overseeing the administration's healthcare agenda. Brooks-LaSure previously was deputy director of CMS' health insurance office, and has also held several other different positions at HHS. There are still no reliable reports on who will be nominated as HRSA Administrator

Look-Alikes Must Apply for H8F Funding before BPHC can Award it; NOFO Coming Soon

For legal reasons outside their control, BPHC is unable to issued H8F awards to Look-Alikes prior to them submitting a formal application. As a result, BPHC will soon issue a NOFO inviting LALs to apply for H8F funding. BPHC expects to process these applications and issue awards on a faster basis than the awards for major capital.

INTERESTING READS

[Maine's Rural Community Health Centers Get First-Dose Allocations Blanked Out Amid Reduced Vaccine Supply](#) - *Maine Public* (4/9)

The director of Springvale-based **Nasson Health Care, Marty Sabol**, says rural community health centers should be prioritized even as Maine sees an overall reduction in allocation, due to low supplies of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

TELEHEALTH UPDATE

[AMA Lobbies CMS to Extend Medicare Coverage for Audio-Only Telehealth](#) - *mHealth Intelligence* (4/7)

The American Medical Association has sent a letter urging CMS to permanently extend Medicare coverage for audio-only telehealth services. Separately, CMS is being urged to include virtual care in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program.

[Telehealth Becoming a Preferred Platform for Cardiovascular Care](#) - *mHealth Intelligence* (4/6)

The COVID-19 threat pushed more people onto telehealth platforms for cardiovascular care, according to new research out of Cedars-Sinai. But it also led to fewer tests and medications.

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

WORKFORCE UPDATE

All Virtual 2021 Biennial Workforce Summit

May 26-27 | 12:00 - 5:00 PM | [Information and Registration](#)

This free two-day virtual event is an opportunity for health centers, health center-controlled networks (HCCNs) and primary care associations (PCAs) to come together to share and elevate promising practices in addressing workforce challenges and needs.

Speakers

- **James “Jim” Macrae, MA, MPP**, Associate Administrator for Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration (BPHC-HRSA)
- **Tom Morris, MPA**, Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration (FORHP-HRSA)
- **Luis Padilla, MD, FAAFP**, Associate Administrator for Health Workforce, Health Resources and Services Administration (BHW-HRSA)

RACIAL JUSTICE/HEALTH DISPARITY RESOURCES & INFO

[Health Equity in Action: COVID-19 Health Equity Projects](#) - *USCDC* (4/12)

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



Is Your Health Center Hiring?

Click on the Job Board icon to utilize the new MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!

CHCNET UPDATE

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

RESOURCES ADDENDUM

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



Please click on the calendar for a full listing of upcoming MPCA trainings and events.

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