

# COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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## NEW RESOURCE

[After Hours](#) - MPCA Office Hours resources

### CLINICAL UPDATE

[Clinical Considerations: Myocarditis and Pericarditis after Receipt of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines among Adolescents and Young Adults](#) - *USCDC*

[Rising Rates of T1D in Children: Is COVID to Blame?](#) - *Medscape (6/4)*

[Patient-centered discussion of COVID-19 infection and mRNA vaccines](#) - *AFP.org (6/1)*

### VACCINE UPDATE

[President Biden to Announce National Month of Action to Mobilize an All-of-America Sprint to Get More People Vaccinated by July 4th](#) - *whitehouse.gov (6/2)*

Today, President Biden will announce a National Month of Action to mobilize an all-of-America sprint to get 70% of U.S. adults at least one shot by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### CDC UPDATE

[Catch Up on Well-Child Visits and Recommended Vaccinations](#) - *USCDC*

[Childhood Immunization Resources](#) - *USCDC*

[COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens](#) - *USCDC (5/27)*

[Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#) - *USCDC (6/3)*

### DENTAL UPDATE

[Hypo-salivation May Reduce the Protective Effect of Salivary Proteins against SARS-CoV-2](#) - *Practice Update (5/29)*

[SARS-CoV-2 Testing in Pediatric Dentistry Practices Identifies Asymptomatic Patients Who May Be Contagious](#) - *Practice Update (6/1)*

[Antibody study shows higher COVID-19 risk for dental teams](#) - *DrBicuspid.com (6/3)*

### INTERESTING READS

[Teens hospitalized for COVID-19 at nearly 3 times typical flu hospitalization rate](#) - *AAP News (6/4)*

Adolescents have been hospitalized for COVID-19 at nearly three times the typical hospitalization rate for flu, and almost one-third required intensive care, [according to a new report covering cases in 14 states](#).

[U.S. CDC director urges teens to get vaccinated after hospitalizations rise](#) - *Reuters (6/6)*

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director urged teenagers to get vaccinated, as new data from the agency's researchers showed one in three teenagers who were hospitalized due to COVID-19 early this year needed ICU admission.

[What doctors wish parents knew about COVID-19 vaccination](#) - *AMA (5/28)*

A survey from Kaiser Family Foundation found that 32% of parents said they would wait to see how the vaccine works before getting their child vaccinated. The survey also found that 19% of parents would not get their child vaccinated

### [Physicians take on vital new role: COVID-19 vaccine myth-busters - AMA \(6/3\)](#)

As physicians, we play important roles as vaccine ambassadors for our patients, offering encouragement and answering their most urgent questions. Just as importantly in this new age of anti-vaccine rhetoric, we must dispel common myths and falsehoods that our patients come across, and work to maintain the trust that is at the heart of the patient-physician relationship.

## **POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

### **Reduced Funding for CHCs in President's Budget**

On May 28, 2021, the White House released the [President's FY22 Budget](#), which included a **decrease in mandatory funding for CHCs by \$94.7 million**, from \$4 billion to just over \$3.9 billion. In addition, the budget proposed an increase in [discretionary funding](#), or annual appropriations funding, for CHCs of \$50 million from the FY21 amount of \$1.68 billion to \$1.73 billion for FY22. The proposed additional discretionary funding is meant to support awards for an additional 140 health centers to increase access to HIV prevention services. However, this would leave CHCs **with nearly \$45 million less in funding compared to FY21**. The President's Budget is a proposal every year to Congress that signals Administration priorities, but it falls to Congress to write budget bills.

### **NACHC American Rescue Plan (ARP) Capital Funding Opportunity Fact Sheet**

NACHC has created a [Summary Fact Sheet](#) for health center reference regarding the [FY21 ARP-Capital \(C8E\) Funding Opportunity](#). This opportunity will allow health centers to apply via their electronic handbook (EHB) by **June 24, 2021**. This funding opportunity presents a unique opportunity to enhance the capabilities of CHCs by utilizing HRSA grant funding to complete priority projects. In addition, the document will address strategic questions that health centers may have about prioritizing which project(s) for which they plan to apply.

## **CHCNET UPDATE**

### **CHCNet Health Centers: Provider Satisfaction Survey for Clinical Staff**

MPCA is exploring how clinical teams' experience with health IT can be improved and how workflows can be made more sustainable. We are asking clinical staff to find 15 minutes in their schedule to make their voice heard through participating in a provider satisfaction survey. Responses will be anonymous.

If you have not received an e-mail invitation to the survey, please [Click for Survey](#). Questions about the survey or difficulty accessing it? Contact Michael Pancook, CHCNet Program Manager, [mpancook@mepca.org](mailto:mpancook@mepca.org). Thank you in advance for your participation.

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 Michael Pancook: [mpancook@mepca.org](mailto:mpancook@mepca.org)

## **RACIAL JUSTICE/HEALTH DISPARITY RESOURCES & INFO**

### **ME DHHS Webinar: Strategies for Addressing Disparate Impacts of COVID-19**

June 16 | 7:30 - 8:30 AM | [Join the Webinar](#) | Passcode: 4FrT7H

Part of a monthly series of Health Equity webinars, presented by ME DHHS.

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!

## **BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS**

### **HRSA Announces \$50 Million in Funding to Optimize Use of Virtual Care in Health Centers**

This competitive, one-time funding opportunity will support health centers in optimizing the use of virtual care to increase access and improve clinical quality for medically underserved communities and vulnerable populations.

#### **Application Due Date:**

- Friday, July 16, 11:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov
- Tuesday, August 17, 5 p.m. ET in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs)

Visit the [\(FY\) 2022 Optimizing Virtual Care technical assistance \(TA\) webpage](#) for the Notice of Funding Opportunity, pre-recorded TA webinar, and other resources.

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

## **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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