

# COVID-19 WEEKLY COMPENDIUM

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## CLINICAL UPDATES

[Sickness Lingers in 1 in 4 Kids Who Got COVID With Symptoms](#) - *Medscape (3/15)*

A quarter of children and teens who contract COVID-19 and have symptoms develop lingering problems, according to a new preprint study.

## CDC UPDATES

[Free N95 Respirator Manufacturers](#) - (3/15)

[Recommendations for People with COVID-19 and COVID-19 Close Contacts](#) - (3/15)

[Know Your COVID-19 Community Level](#) - (3/17)

## ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

[Should you trust your instincts?](#) - *DrBicuspid (3/18)*

[The impact of the pandemic on dentistry](#) - *DrBicuspid (3/17)*

[COVID-19 vaccines may benefit oral health](#) - *DrBicuspid (3/16)*

[Impact of Dental Healthcare Workers' Safety Perception on COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and the Adoption of Risk-Mitigation Strategies](#) - *practiceupdate (3/15)*

For resources and information, please visit the [Oral Health Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

## INTERESTING READS

[With infections spiking in Europe and a variant on the rise, experts warn the U.S. could face a Covid resurgence](#) - *STAT News (3/17)*

On the surface, U.S. Covid-19 metrics continue to show improvement, with cases, hospitalizations, and deaths down dramatically from their peaks just two months ago. But some experts are growing increasingly nervous that the positive trends may be slowing down or even headed for reversal.

[CDC confirms uptick in Covid virus found in wastewater](#) - *NBC News (3/15)*

The potentially troubling trend comes as the country is shedding masks and easing pandemic restrictions aimed at stopping the spread of a virus that in two years has killed nearly a million people in the United States.

## HEALTH EQUITY/SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE RESOURCES

[They Were the Pandemic's Perfect Victims](#) - *healthleadersmedia.org (12/21)*

The pandemic killed so many dialysis patients that their total number shrunk for the first time in nearly half a century. Few people took notice.

[Tying Health Equity to Quality](#) - *healthleadershipmedia.org (12/21)*

As many of healthcare organizations are finding, setting health equity as a strategic priority holds leadership accountable for results and is a critical first step in driving resources toward these programs, including support frameworks and training for staff.

[Mental Wellbeing Finally Receives the Attention it Deserves](#) - *The National Council on Mental Wellbeing (3/9)*

Ultimately, the pandemic allowed us to focus the nation's attention to our mental wellbeing – the increase in mental health concerns, the overdose crisis, a workforce shortage that makes it difficult to meet rising demand, barriers to access and health equity.

For resources and information, please visit the [Health Equity/Social Determinants Resources](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).

***Is Your Health Center Hiring?*** Click [here](#) to utilize the MPCA Job Board and list your openings on our website!

## POLICY & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

### **\*\*\*HRSA Uninsured Program to Stop Accepting Testing and Treatment Claims Today!\*\*\***

[HRSA announced that the COVID-19 Uninsured Program](#) **will stop accepting claims for testing and treatment due to lack of sufficient funds on March 22, 2022 at 11:59 PM.** If you haven't already done so, we encourage health centers to submit their claims as soon as possible before today's deadline.

### **Provider Relief Fund Reporting Period 2 Deadline**

The Provider Relief Fund (PRF) [Reporting Portal](#) will close on March 31, 2022 for Reporting Period 2. Providers who received one or more PRF payment exceeding \$10,000, in the aggregate, during the second Payment Received Period must report on their use of funds no later than March 31, 2022. To begin reporting they must register in the Portal (if not yet completed). More information and resources can be found on the [PRF Reporting web page](#).

### **PREVENT Pandemics Act passes HELP Committee**

The bipartisan pandemic bill was [marked up](#) in the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, and passed by a 20-2 vote. This bill includes a permanent extension of FTCA Coverage for Health Center Volunteer Health Professionals.

## WORKFORCE UPDATE

### **NTTAP presents Developing a Postdoctoral Psychology Residency Program in Community Health**

Tuesday, March 29 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | [Register](#)

This webinar will address considerations such as program structure, design, curriculum, supervisors' role, required resources, and the benefits of sponsoring an in-house formal postdoctoral clinical psychology residency training program. Our expert panelists will answer your questions at the end of the webinar, so join live to engage with the panel and hear from your peers across the country. The webinar slides and recording will be sent to all participants and posted on our [website](#) after the session.

### **Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Virtual All Grantee and Stakeholder Meeting**

Tues/Weds, April 5-6 | 12:00 - 4:45 PM | [Registration and Information](#)

Our BHW first-ever virtual all grantee and stakeholder meeting brings together HRSA health workforce grant recipients, stakeholders, and federal staff to collaborate and discuss ways we can work together to effectively implement health workforce priorities and use innovative approaches to address community health needs.

For resources and information, please visit the [Workforce](#) section on the [MPCA website](#).



# WELCOME SPRING!



**What's happening?** Click [here](#) for a full listing of upcoming MPCA trainings and events.

**BILLING, CODING & TELEHEALTH NEWS**

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

**CHCNET NEWS**

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).

**RESOURCES ADDENDUM**

[AFTER HOURS](#) - MPCA Office Hours resources

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



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