**Clinical Update**

- **Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers** - USCDC (Updated May 15)
- **Information for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus (COVID-19)** - USCDC (Updated May 15)
- **Interim Guidance on Unsheltered Homelessness for Homeless Service Providers and Local Officials** - USCDC (Updated May 10)

**Forecasts and Guidance Regarding Re-opening America**

- **COVID-19 Forecasts** - USCDC (Updated May 14)
- **Get and Keep America Open: Supporting states, tribes, localities, and territories** - USCDC

  Federal fiscal resources for CDC applicants and recipients.

**Dental Update**

- **BREAKING NEWS:** [State Allows Maine Dentists to Reopen Offices for Routine Care](https://portlandpressherald.com/2020/05/18/state-allows-maine-dentists-to-reopen-offices-for-routine-care/) - Portland Press Herald (May 18)

  Maine dentists are now permitted to offer full services – including routine care such as teeth cleanings and filling cavities – after they complained about being left out of the Mills administration’s reopening plans.

- **Updated Return to Work Interim Guidance Toolkit**

  This toolkit contains interim recommendations from the American Dental Association’s (ADA’s) Advisory Task Force on Dental Practice Recovery. Since this is interim guidance, it is focused on the short-term management of dental practice during the COVID-19 pandemic as some offices return to providing non-emergent care.

- **MDA Return to Work Guidance** (May 11)

  Establishing Safe Dental Care in the Era of COVID-19

- **MDA Webinar Registration** - May 19, 2020 | 6:00 PM

  Please join the Maine Dental Association leadership for a discussion about the safe re-opening of dental practices in Maine. The American Dental Association Return To Work Toolkit and the MDA's guide entitled "Establishing Safe Dental Care in the Era of COVID-19" will be reviewed.
Policy Update

House Passes HEROES Act as Fourth COVID Response Bill

On Friday, May 15, the House of Representatives passed the $3 trillion Heroes Act, which would serve as a fourth COVID-19 relief package. While the House acted quickly to pass this legislation, it is expected that there will be several weeks between the House vote and any Senate action regarding the measure or any additional legislative efforts. Of interest to FQHCs, the Heroes Act includes $7.6 billion of emergency funding for health centers’ coronavirus response efforts, $100 billion replenishment of the provider relief fund and $75 billion more for testing.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Letter on Provider Relief Fund

Last week, NACHC signed on to a letter to HHS Secretary Alex Azar comprised of NAMD and leading Medicaid provider and MCO organizations requesting that future federal financial relief include a focus on Medicaid providers. Signer organizations include ACAP, AHCA, AHIP, CHA, MHPA, NAMD, and NCBH. You can read the letter here.

Misc. Resources

- NACHC has published a Telehealth Implementation Quick Guide to provide a short overview of reimbursement and legal considerations for telehealth during the pandemic, operational guides compiled from health centers for implementing telemedicine and telephonic visits, and sample workflows.

Telehealth Update

Telehealth Bill Introduced

Representatives Adrian Smith (NE-03) and Tom O’Halleran (AZ-01) introduced a bill (H.R. 6792) this week, which would allow payment equal to an otherwise in-person visit for telehealth services furnished by Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Text of the bill, entitled the Improving Telehealth for Underserved Communities Act, is available here.

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.
  - May 26th - Topic: Teledentistry
- 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.
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INTERESTING READ

• States Lead The Way in Responding To COVID-19 And Advancing Innovative Health Policy Solutions On Many Fronts - Health Affairs Blog (May 18)

  Faced with a dynamic policy environment, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the diminishing likelihood of Congressional action on health care issues beyond the pandemic, and uncertainty over the future of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), governors are stepping up to the challenge to meet their states’ health care needs. In this post, we highlight states’ policy responses to the pandemic, as well as their proactive approaches to addressing a wide range of health concerns.

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 and/or Lisa Tuttle: 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.

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

NEW - “Managing Patients with COVID-19 Risk through the Health Information Exchange” - recording is now available. If you weren’t able to join the presentation/demonstration held on May 13th with HealthInfoNet and CHCNet, you can view the recorded presentations and corresponding slide decks on MPCA’s website at either the Events Calendar or the CHCNet Member Portal. If you have questions about the Health Information Exchange, please reach out to Greg Parent, gparent@mepca.org.

WEBINAR - Supporting Youth and Families: Managing Stress and Anxiety in the age of COVID-19

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

In this workshop, Chris McLaughlin, LCSW, Associate Vice President of Community and Pediatric Services at Northern Light Acadia Hospital in Bangor, Maine will provide a brief overview of anxiety disorders in youth and adolescents and will review signs, symptoms, and recommendations for parenting youth struggling with anxiety. Click here for more information and free registration - space is limited.

A Certificate of Attendance for 1.5 contact hours will be sent to registered attendees following the webinar.
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**STAY INFORMED:**

MeCDC General Briefing on COVID-19  
- **Mondays** from 1:00-2:00 PM: [https://zoom.us/j/544261659](https://zoom.us/j/544261659)

MeCDC Weekly Coronavirus Update for Hospital Employees - hosted by Rita Owsiak  
- **Fridays** from 1:30 - 2:00 PM: [https://zoom.us/j/636067483](https://zoom.us/j/636067483) | Meeting ID: 636 067 483

CMS COVID-19 Office Hours Calls  
- **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** from 5:00 - 6:00 PM; Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820

NETRC Telehealth Virtual Office Hours  
- **Tuesdays** at 8:00 AM - Call in: +1 646 558 8656 US; Meeting ID: 869 834 403
- **Thursdays** at 12:00 PM - Call in: +1 646 558 8656 US; Meeting ID: 477 247 220

MPCA Compendium  
- Emailed on **Tuesdays**

Maine CDC Coronavirus Update for Long Term Care Facilities - hosted by Rita Owsiak  
- **Wednesdays** at 1:00 PM: [https://zoom.us/j/570558574](https://zoom.us/j/570558574)

Maine CDC Coronavirus Update for Clinicians hosted by Stephen Sears, MD  
- **Thursdays** at 12:30 PM: [https://zoom.us/j/798526090](https://zoom.us/j/798526090)

MPCA hosts CHC Network Office Hours  
- **Thursdays** from 4:00 - 5:00 PM: [https://mepca.zoom.us/j/394295081](https://mepca.zoom.us/j/394295081)

MeCDC COVID-19 and Children  
- **Fridays** from 12:15 - 1:00 PM: [https://zoom.us/j/871527860](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](https://mainehealthalertnetwork.org) as well as the [US CDC Health Alert Network](https://www.cdc.gov). Sign up for daily [CDC Updates](https://www.cdc.gov) directly to your inbox.

**MAINE HELPS:**

- **Maine Schools** providing [meals to students](https://www.maine.gov) during extended remote learning
- **Good Shepard Food Bank** - [Food Pantry Changes & Information](https://www.gshfoodbank.org)
- **DHHS Office of Family Independence** - [COVID 19 Changes](https://mehhs.gov)
- **Resources for how [Mainers Can Help](https://www.maine.gov)
- **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

"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](#).

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)
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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

**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.**