

COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



HPC HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL OF SOUTHWEST FL
HEALTH FOCUSED COMMUNITY DRIVEN

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Webinars:

Date: January 17, 2023
2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

White House and HRSA Webinar:
Building Partnerships to Promote
COVID-19 Vaccination

[Join the day of the session](#)

If you prefer to join by phone: 833-568-8864
Webinar ID: 160 011 8053

Date: January 17, 2023

Better Assess Your Community Using
the UDS Mapper

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Date: January 26, 2023

Compassion Fatigue: Navigating the
Unknown, Taking Time for Self-
Compassion and Resilience

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Training Topic: COVID-19 Boosters

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Tripledemic & The US Healthcare System

A triple threat of respiratory viruses (also known as the "[tripledeemic](#)") is threatening healthcare systems across the country. Over the past few months, a surge in cases of influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), and COVID-19 have caused an increase in hospitalizations, overwhelmed emergency rooms, and even caused a [cold medicine shortage](#). Patients who delayed medical care are now presenting severe complications and a decrease in overall health, leading to more extended hospital stays and poorer outcomes. In December 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that more than 80% of hospital beds across the country were full ([NBC news article](#)).

Another significant concern is [post-pandemic healthcare staffing shortages](#). Hospitals are closing urgent care centers, obstetric, pediatric, and other services. Hospitals and clinicians no longer have regular staff and depend on temporary staff with short-term contracts to provide services. This reduction of services has dramatically affected access to health care. People have lost the ability to receive timely, evidence-based medical care (i.e., appointments, x-rays, tests, surgeries, etc.). In addition, the financial drain caused by staff shortages and the use of temporary staff has led to many healthcare facilities (both rural and urban) reaching the point of financial instability.

The healthcare burden of the "tripledeemic" and the levels of burnout and stress among providers has further devastated the supply of available healthcare providers. Addressing this issue and providing support services to all clinicians and front-line employees is integral for the ongoing supply of providers throughout the U.S. During a [recent episode](#) of "[AMA Update](#)," Dr. Resneck explained how "2023's challenges can be met through the [AMA Recovery Plan for America's Physicians](#), which is rebuilding critical components of the medical profession".

Overall, we still have a lot of work to do to build our public health response to new infectious diseases. Respiratory viruses such as COVID-19 will continue to rise if simple precautions to reduce infections are ignored. In addition to basic health and hygiene practices, like handwashing, CDC recommends prevention actions, such as putting on a mask in crowded places and staying up-to-date on available vaccinations ([click here to learn more](#)).

Visit [Vaccines.gov](#) to find out where to get the nearest vaccine and booster. For information on the COVID-19 vaccine, testing, guidance, and resources visit

[swflvaccine.org](#)

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Webinars:

Explain the science behind vaccine guidance. Learn about the process and the role of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

[Learn more and watch here.](#)

Misinformation as a risk factor during the COVID-19 pandemic

[Learn more and watch here.](#)

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Resources

COVID-19 Vaccination

Clinical Resources

- [CDC Report](#): Racial and Ethnic Differences in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Children and Adolescents Ages 5-17 Years and Parental Intent to Vaccinate Their Children
- [ProviderBridge.org](#) provides up-to-date information on emergency regulation and licensing by state as well as a provider portal to connect volunteer health care professionals to state agencies and health care entities.
- [Rural Health Clinic Vaccine Distribution \(RHCVD\) Program](#). Under the program, Medicare-certified RHCs will receive direct COVID-19 vaccines in addition to their normal jurisdictions' weekly allocation.
- [One Stop Online for COVID Prevention and Treatment in Every County](#). Visitors to the site can enter their county and map nearby locations for masks, respirators, vaccines, boosters, and all testing and treatment options.

Promotion/Patient education materials

- Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida [COVID-19 Resource](#) website
- Health Council of Southeast Florida [Stay Healthy Sunshine Campaign](#) website
- [National Resource Center](#) for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants creates COVID-19 communications materials in 40+ languages.
- [Reaching Farm Communities for Vaccine Confidence](#) provides information and training on injury and disease related to agriculture. Their health professionals and educators created a social media toolkit that aims to provide clear messages about COVID-19 vaccination for agriculture, forestry, and fishing workers.
- [Talking Health: A New Way to Communicate About Public Health](#) provides new research-based tools to help health professionals communicate more effectively about public health, strengthen community partnerships, and improve health outcomes.
- CDC Foundation's latest [Contagious Conversations podcast](#) discusses the current monkeypox outbreak, what CDC is doing to respond and the challenges ahead of us with the next disease outbreak response.