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ACHA COVID-19 Update: April 15, 2020

These updates have been provided by ACHA's COVID-19 Task Force. Please forward this message to others on campus who may benefit. Non-members can subscribe to receive these and other messages [here](#). We will continue to update the [COVID-19 webpage](#) with important alerts and resources.

ACHA Q&A Session: COVID-19 Topical Issues

Friday, April 17, 2020 at 3:00 pm EDT

Join us for a Q&A Session on ACHA's COVID-19 work, updated COVID-19 clinical and testing data, the impact on communities of color, and considerations for the re-opening of campuses. This hour-long session will allow time for questions from attendees.

[Registration is required](#). If you are unable to attend, please do not register as capacity is limited. The Q&A session will be recorded and uploaded to ACHA's YouTube channel and will be available publicly. If you are unable to attend but have questions you'd like answered, please submit your questions in advance [here](#).

Archived webinars and Q&A sessions and a list of any upcoming events can be accessed through ACHA's [COVID-19 page](#).

COVID-19 Survey Questions

The American College Health Association, in collaboration with the Healthy Minds Study (HMS), have developed a set of standardized COVID-19 survey questions that will be added to remaining Spring 2020 ACHA-NCHA surveys free of charge. (The same items will be added to any remaining HMS surveys done this academic year.) The Spring 2020 ACHA-NCHA III survey will begin with the COVID-19 items then progress through the rest of the survey questions. You can find a list of the COVID-19 survey questions [here](#). If you are planning an ACHA-NCHA implementation before the end of May 2020, please be in touch with [Valerie Hartman](#) or [Emily Lenning](#) to get the process started.

FDA Grants EUA for On Site Decontamination of N95 Masks

The FDA has granted an emergency use authorization (EUA) to [Steris](#) and [Sterrad](#) to temporarily provide a distinct option for effectively decontaminating compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators for single-user reuse up to 10 cleaning cycles in hospitals. Both options use hydrogen peroxide gas. This has the potential to decontaminate approximately 4 million respirators per day for reuse by health care workers.

A third company, [Batelle](#), received EUA to sterilize masks at maximum capacity, increasing the volume of mask cleaning from a maximum of 10,000 per machine per day to 80,000 per machine per day. Masks can be cleaned up to 20 times for single-user reuse, again in hospitals.

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FDA Grants EUA for Saliva Test for COVID-19

Rutgers' RUCDR Infinite Biologics received an emergency use authorization (EUA) for its [saliva test for COVID-19](#). This test may increase testing capability because patients can self-swab, thus eliminating the need for specialized swabs or PPE, ultimately causing less health care provider exposure to the virus and preserving scarce PPE.

Review of Array of Diagnostic Tests

This Annals of Internal Medicine [article](#) is an excellent review of the role of diagnostic testing, the array available, and ancillary tests including radiographs and biomarkers.

IDSA Releases COVID-19 Treatment and Management Guidelines

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) released its [guidelines on the treatment and management](#) of COVID-19 on April 11 and has already updated these evidence-based guidelines. Notably, the IDSA found insufficient evidence to recommend any particular medication for treatment of COVID-19 at this time. Part 2: Diagnostics and Part 3: Infection Prevention will be released soon.

Additional Resources

Mental Health Resources

The Mountain Plains Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC), funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), offers a variety of [mental health resources](#). These are designed to assist individuals, providers, communities, and states.

AAMC Repository

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has created a [resource repository](#) that contains COVID-19 treatment and management guidance from academic medical centers to optimize patient care organized by topic (infection control, emergency department, inpatient, ambulatory, serious conversations/communications, mental health, special populations. AAMC has also provided this 50-state guide [Temporary Medical Licensure Measures for Out-of-State Practitioners in Response to COVID-19](#).

AUTM Sponsored Clinical Trials Resource Page

AUTM (formerly known as the Association of University Technology Management) has provided a coronavirus [research and development resource page](#) that includes a [clinical trials page](#) with a daily listing of news articles about trials.

APA Guide on State Telehealth/Licensure Waivers

The American Psychological Association has posted this guide to [Emergency State Actions Addressing Telehealth/Licensure Waivers](#).

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"Box It in To Get Us All Working Again"

Former CDC Director Tom Frieden [stated](#) that to ease physical distancing restrictions, we must manage these four steps or corners of the box to contain COVID-19. Any weakness in these corners/sides of the box will keep us physically distanced longer or would cause a resurgence of infections and a return to sheltering in place.

Webinars and Podcasts

Upcoming Events

Communities Respond to COVID-19 with Innovative High-impact Strategies (The National Network to Eliminate Disparities in Behavioral Health): funded by SAMHSA, [NNED](#) is offering the first of two Virtual Roundtables on Thursday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m. EDT. This session addresses actionable and accessible strategies initiated by diverse communities. [Register here](#). A recording will be available after the live event.

Recorded Events

Telehealth Policy Developments COVID-19 and Beyond (The Alliance for Connected Care): A review of the multitude of legislative and regulatory changes for telehealth and remote patient monitoring over the past month and discussion of new opportunities beyond COVID-19. Recorded April 6. [View here](#).

Telephone Triage and COVID-19 (American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN)): Telephone triage can be difficult enough without adding a pandemic to the mix. This webinar will give information regarding what we know to date about COVID-19 and how the pandemic impacts the practice of telephone triage. CE is available. [View here](#).

Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) Podcast

- [Episode 3: Preparing for What's to Come](#) (April 8, 2020): a discussion on the COVID-19 situation in the U.S., the potential for subsequent waves of infection, racial and gender disparities in reported cases, and the use of masks by the public.
- [Episode 4: The Reality of Testing](#) (April 14, 2020): a discussion on whether the U.S. is nearing an apex in COVID-19 cases, what it may look like to "reopen" the country, a reality check regarding widespread testing, and what to make of the constant stream of new information and research findings.

See all updates here: https://www.acha.org/ACHA/Resources/Topics/COVID-19_Update.aspx

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