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ACHA COVID-19 Update: May 27, 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 Reopening Guidelines Q&A: Contact Tracing

Friday, May 29, 3:00 PM ET

Join ACHA as we expand upon the topic of contact tracing as covered in the [Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era](#) guidelines. The webinar will break down what contact tracing is, how to do it, and how it may look different at each institution.

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, feel free to submit your questions in advance [here](#).

Previous ACHA Q&A sessions and webinars can be found [here](#). Last week's session provided a general overview of the impact of reopening on campus housing planning and practices.

Save the Date: ACHA to Host Summit on COVID-19

ACHA is planning a virtual summit to help campuses address issues related to COVID-19 and resuming operations. The summit will take place July 28-29, 2020, from 12:30-4:30 ET each day. Please watch your inbox for more details.

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ACHA Partners with Project N95

Project N95 (ProjectN95.org), a volunteer organization, is the national COVID-19 clearinghouse for personal protective equipment (PPE) and other critical medical equipment. They are a rapid response non-profit organization whose mission is to get critical equipment into the hands of frontline workers as quickly as possible.

Project N95 helps support frontline workers by:

- Performing due diligence on suppliers and products to accelerate procurement and sourcing decisions.
- Processing and validating inbound organization requests for PPE and critical equipment to intelligently match with the right [vetted suppliers and products](#).
- Coordinating with governments and other purchasers to aggregate orders and assist COVID-19 response teams with sourcing, procurement, and equitable distribution of critical medical equipment.

If you need PPE or medical equipment, we encourage you to submit this request for equipment to Project N95. When you submit this request, please make sure to note that you heard about Project N95 through ACHA. If you have questions, you can contact Project N95 at requests@projectn95.org.

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Health and Human Services (HHS) COVID-19 Strategic Testing Plan

In response to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Healthcare Enhancement Act, HHS had to create this [COVID-19 Strategic Testing Plan](#), which defines the various types of specimen collection, assays, testing goals, special populations, and more. WHO and other organizations have established the positivity rate (proportion of positive test results) should be less than 10%. Forty-one states have achieved positivity rates of 10% or less. The PPP also requires each state receiving funds for testing to submit a testing plan for May and June by May 30th and one for the rest of 2020 by June 15. See page 16 for a table with the number of cumulative tests performed by state and the suggested target number of tests.

Resolve to Save Lives Posts Risk Alert Levels

As the country reopens, this [risk alert level document](#) is meant to move communities from the framework of "open" and "closed" to changes in levels of risk. However, this must be based on some defined objective data as suggested on page 11. Examples from Utah and New Zealand are linked in this document.

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Chronicle Interviews Dr. Fauci on Reopening Campuses

In [this interview](#) with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, Dr. Anthony Fauci reiterates what ACHA has stated in its own guidelines: that there's no "one size fits all" solution when it comes to reopening campuses, and any recommendations depend on local circulation of the virus, state and local policies regarding permitted activities, and other considerations. In the interview, Dr. Fauci provides additional guidance on how best to mitigate risks.

See the [updated list](#) of individual colleges' plans, as tracked by *The Chronicle*.

Webinars

Responding to COVID-19: A Science-Based Approach

Brought to you by the American Public Health Association and the National Academy of Medicine, this webinar series is exploring the state of the science surrounding the current outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States and globally, with a focus on the emerging evidence on how to best mitigate its impact. Hear from trusted experts in such fields as public health, infectious disease, risk communication, and crisis standards of care. View upcoming and recorded events [here](#).

JAMA Network COVID-19 Interviews

JAMA is providing free CME for these [video and audio interviews](#).

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

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