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# COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH





# Today With Macrae: Health Center Program Updates

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# Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates

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- ☐ Mark Your Calendar
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# On My Mind



# Health Center COVID-19 Survey\*- Testing & Vaccines

- **Number of Health Center Respondents:** 905 (66% of all health centers)
- **Health centers with COVID-19 testing capacity:** 99.12%
- **Health centers with COVID-19 drive-up/walk-up testing capacity:** 80.27%
- **Average turnaround time for COVID-19 test results:** 92.42% in 3 days or less

Metrics	Virus Detection Tests	Immunization Series Started	Immunization Series Completed
Total Patients	124,195	186,350	127,640
Total Racial and/or ethnic minority patients	48.48%	40.55%	33.60%
Patients tested positive for COVID-19	12,650	-	-
Racial and/or ethnic minority patients tested positive for COVID-19	54.64%	-	-

\*Data from the past week as of February 19, 2021



# Health Center COVID-19 Survey\* - Operations & Staff

Metrics	Value
Health center weekly visits compared to pre-COVID-19 weekly visits	75.95%
Health center sites temporarily closed	476
Staff tested positive for COVID-19	304
Health center staff unable to work**	2.76%
Average percent of health center visits conducted virtually	28.99%

Health centers with an adequate supply of **Personally Protective Equipment (PPE)** for at least the next two weeks\*\*\*

- Surgical masks: 95.47%
- N95/PPR masks: 93.37%
- Gowns: 95.91%
- Gloves: 91.93%
- Face masks/goggles: 95.80%

## Challenges in COVID Vaccine Deployment

- Reimbursement: 18.78%
- Staffing: 37.57%
- Vaccine Confidence: 11.71 %
- Vaccine Storage Capacity: 7.29 %
- Vaccine Supply: 62.76%
- Other: 7.85%
- None: 14.03%

\*Data from the past week as of February 19, 2021

\*\*Due to site/service closure, exposure, family/home obligations, lack of PPE, etc.

\*\*\*The survey design for questions surrounding PPE supplies were changed beginning with the September 4, 2020 survey. The cumulative weekly average is calculated beginning with September 4, 2020 survey data. The question asks for health centers to specify the number of weeks for which they have an adequate supply of various PPE items. For this report, responses for “two weeks”, “three weeks”, “four or more weeks”, and “not needed” have been combined to provide the percentage of health centers with an adequate supply of specified PPE for at least the next two weeks.



# Health Center COVID-19 Survey – Testing and Vaccines

## Cumulative\*

### Average weekly numbers:

- **Number of Health Center Respondents:** 956 (69% of all health centers)
- **Health centers with COVID-19 testing capacity, Virus Detection:** 95.26%
- **Health centers with COVID-19 drive-up/walk-up testing capacity, Virus Detection:** 76.88%
- **Average turnaround time for COVID-19 test results, Virus Detection:** 76.42% in 3 days or less

Metrics	Virus Detection Tests	Immunization Series Started	Immunization Series Completed
Total Patients	9,141,921	1,052,757	324,321
Total Racial and/or ethnic minority patients	47.62%	40.94%	36.50%
Patients tested positive for COVID-19	976,153	-	-
Racial and/or ethnic minority patients tested positive for COVID-19	56.12%	-	-



\*Cumulative weekly data starting April 10, 2020

\*\*"Any test type" includes virus detection, antibody detection, and unknown test type testing numbers.



# Health Center COVID-19 Survey - Cumulative\*

## Average weekly numbers:

Metrics	Value
Health center weekly visits compared to pre-COVID-19 weekly visits	75.83%
Health center sites temporarily closed	1,006
Staff tested positive for COVID-19	851 (39,154 total)
Health center staff unable to work**	6.14%
Average percent of health center visits conducted virtually	34.06%

\*Cumulative weekly data starting April 10, 2020.

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### Health centers with an adequate supply of **Personally Protective Equipment (PPE)** for at least the next two weeks\*\*\*

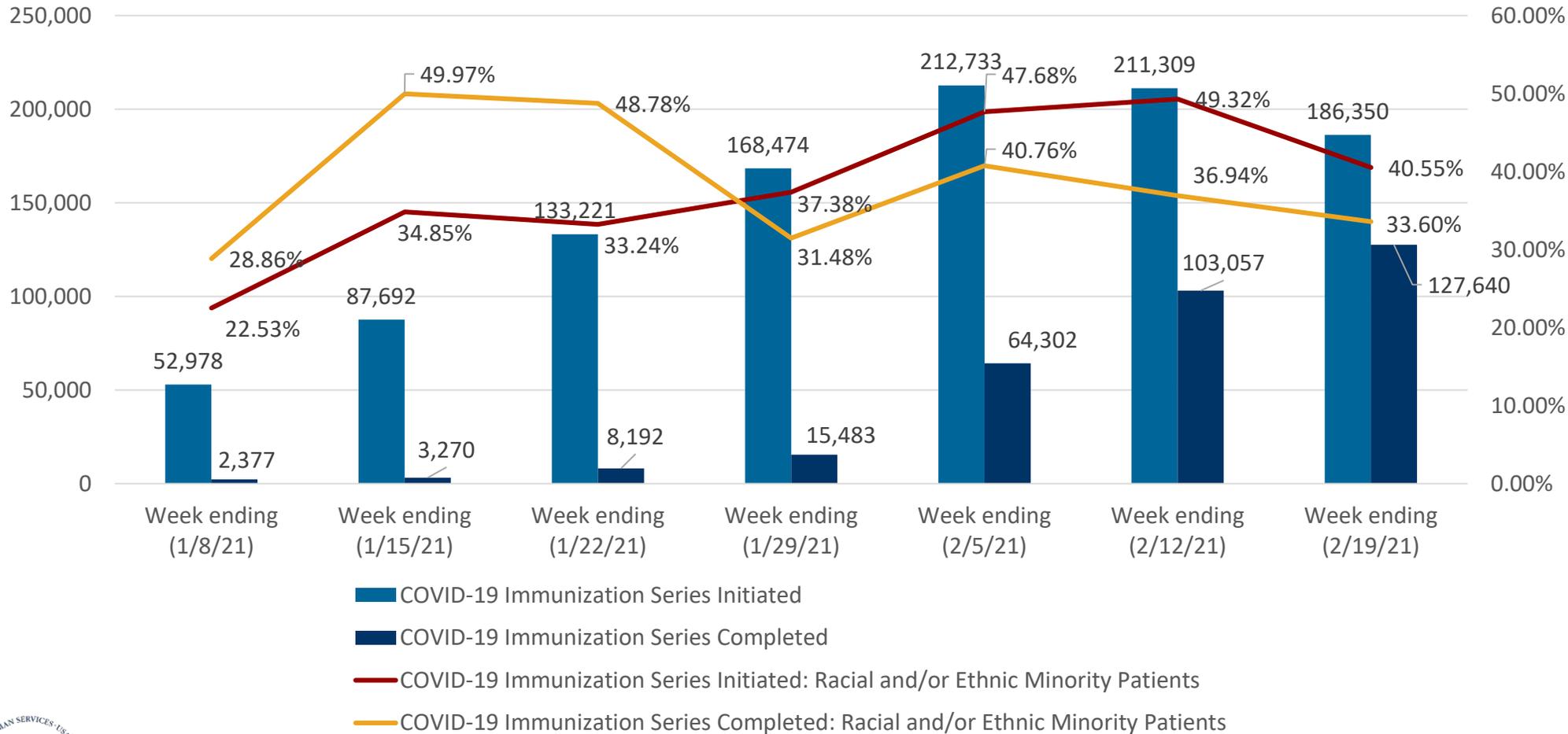
- Surgical masks: 95.33%
- N95/PPR masks: 92.89%
- Gowns: 95.11%
- Gloves: 92.08%
- Face masks/goggles: 96.02%

### Challenges in **COVID Vaccine Deployment**

- Reimbursement: 18.48%
- Staffing: 38.89%
- Vaccine Confidence: 14.53%
- Vaccine Storage Capacity: 10.13%
- Vaccine Supply: 62.33%
- Other: 9.11%
- None: 13.37%



# Vaccine Doses Administered Nationally



As of 2/19/21, health centers have administered **1,377,078 doses to patients:**

- **1,052,757** patients received the first dose (**41%** racial and/or ethnic minority)
- **324,321** patients received the second dose (**36.5%** racial and/or ethnic minority)



Source: Health Center COVID-19 Survey, January 8-February 19, 2021



# Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program Overview

- HRSA and CDC partnership to directly allocate limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine
- Separate federal allocation will be deployed in coordination with jurisdictions
- Incrementally start at select HRSA-funded health centers that specialize in caring for particularly hard-to-reach and disproportionately affected populations
- Initial phase will increase access to vaccines to over 250 health centers nationwide

*“...equity is our North Star here.”*

- Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith,  
Chair of the COVID-19  
Health Equity Task Force



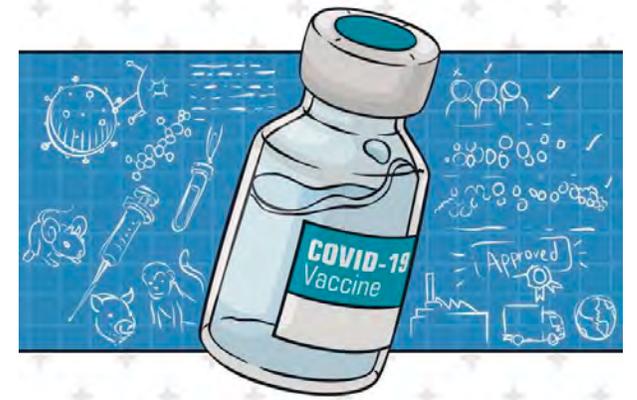
# Selection Criteria

Initial health centers chosen for this Program include those that serve a large volume of one of the following disproportionately affected populations:

- Individuals experiencing homelessness
- Public housing residents
- Migrant/Seasonal agricultural workers
- Patients with limited English proficiency

Additional considerations:

- Capacity to handle storage and staffing to administer vaccines
- Reach 64 states and jurisdictions including the Pacific Basin



# Vaccine Allocation

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- Separate federal allocation will be deployed in coordination with jurisdictions
- HRSA and CDC will analyze vaccine data to assess onboarding of additional health centers and to inform future vaccine allocation efforts
- Health centers are expected to follow state priority guidelines in administering the vaccine

# Process for Site Onboarding

## Site Selection

List of Health Centers



HRSA Readiness Assessment



State Input on Sites



Provider Agreements



Final site list (cleared sites)

## Site Ordering

Final site list (cleared sites)



Create Federal PIN



Enroll into VPoP



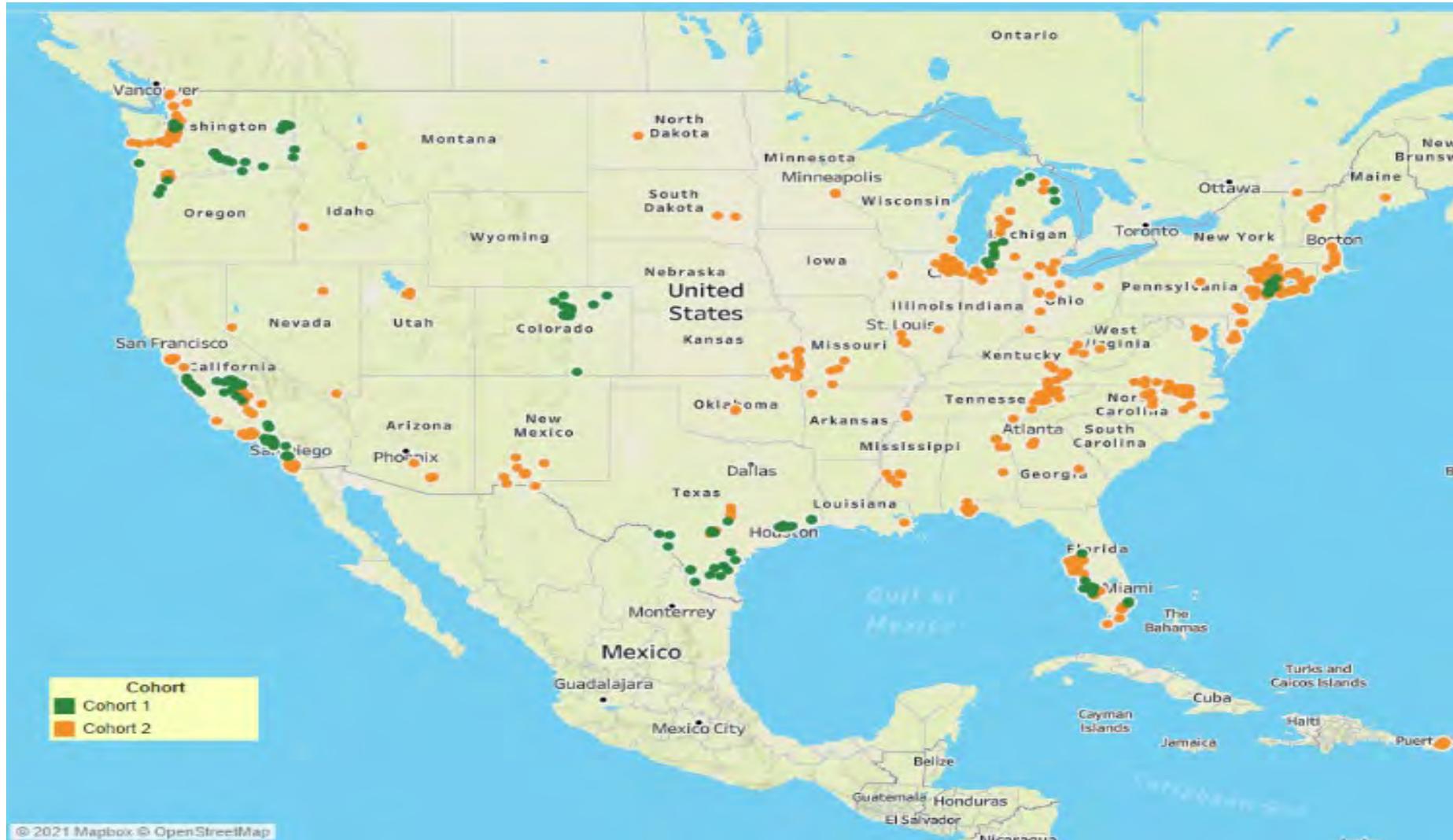
# Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program: First 250 Health Centers

- Week of 2/22/21
  - **25 health centers** were participating in the Program; 63,000 vaccines ordered.
- Week of 3/1/21
  - **113 health centers** are participating in the Program; 157,700 vaccines ordered this week.
- Week of 3/8/21
  - **250 health centers** will be participating in the Program; 289,000 (projected) vaccines to be ordered this week.
- Selected health centers will order a minimum of 100 doses for each participating site.



# Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program Phase 1

## 113 Health Centers and Sites (as of 3/1/2021)



# COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [Ensuring Equity in COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution](#)
  - ✓ Background information on program
- FAQs on [Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program](#)
  - ✓ Contains new FAQs about the program
- FAQs on [Vaccinations](#) (general category)



# CDC Article Highlights Health Center Telehealth Use

- Health center telehealth use trends—including by region, rural/urban areas—published in CDC Morbidity and Mortality Weekly (MMWR)
- Results from June 26 to November 6, 2020:
  - Average weekly telehealth visits decreased by 25%
  - Health centers in South, rural areas reported lower weekly telehealth visits compared with health centers in other regions, and urban areas.
- **Takeaway:** Sustained telehealth use is important in addressing health care access barriers
- See the full article on [Health Center Library](#)



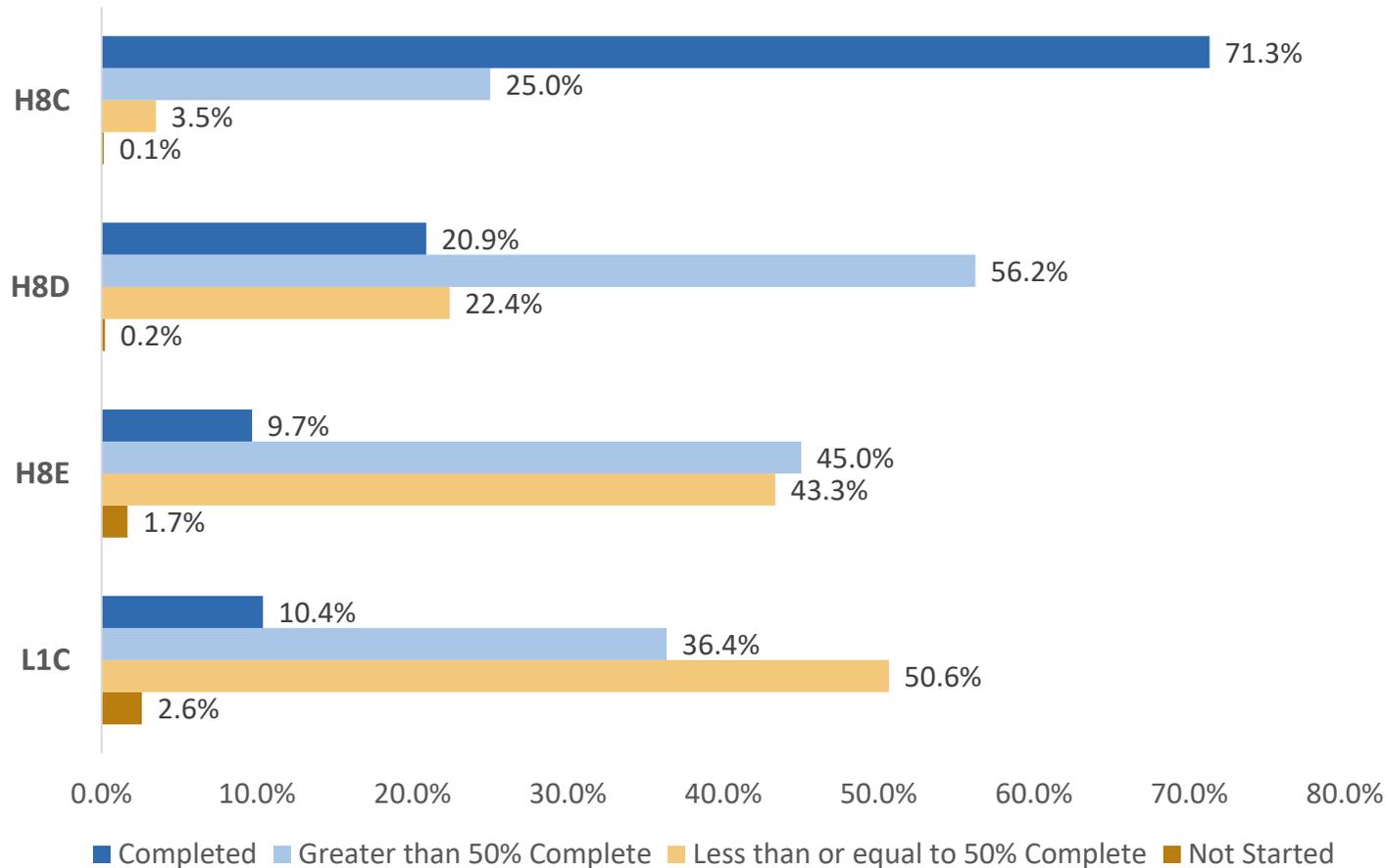
# Health Center COVID-19 Survey Operational Capacity Dashboard Enhancements

[View dashboard](#)



# Health Center COVID-19 Supplemental Funding

## Project Status by Award Type



### Summary

- In Jan. 2021, 99% of COVID Progress Reports were submitted to HRSA on time.
- To date, health centers have completed all activities with their COVID funding for over 1,400 awards (33%), and nearly 61% of COVID funding has been drawn down.
- The initial project period end dates are approaching:
  - H8C – project period ends 3/14/21 and 96% of projects are greater than 50% completed
  - H8D – project period ends 3/31/21 and 77% of projects are greater than 50% completed
  - H8E – project period ends 4/30/21 and 55% of projects are greater than 50% completed
  - L1C – project period ends 6/30/21 and 46% of projects are greater than 50% completed



Source: HRSA Electronic Handbooks, COVID Progress Reports



# Fiscal Year 2021 Funding Updates



## ***Funding Opportunities***

School-Based Service Sites



## ***Coming Soon***

- Optimizing Virtual Care
- American Rescue Plan (COVID-19 Relief Bill)

# Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

## Annual Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Webcast

Tuesday, March 16

3:00-4:00 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

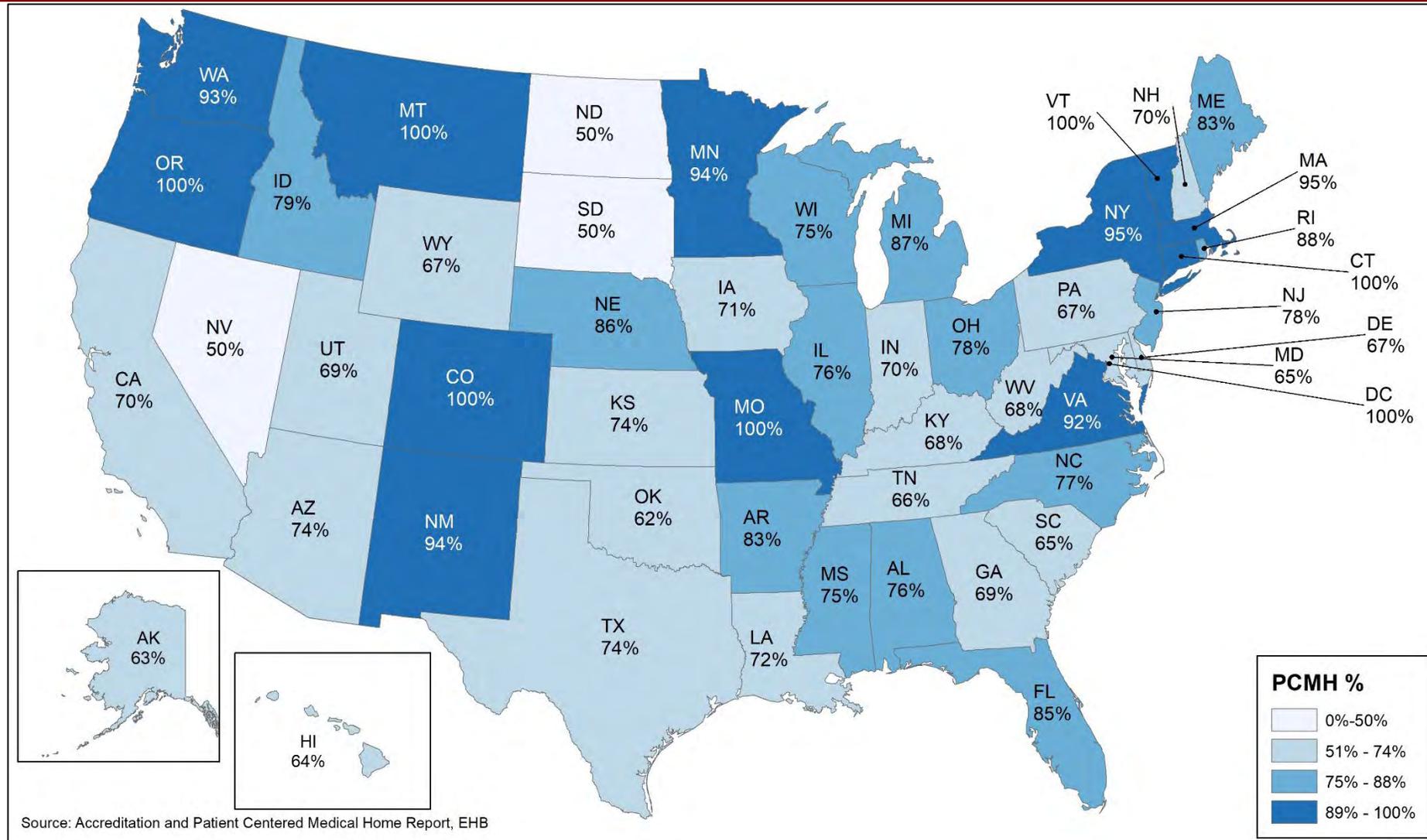
### RESOURCES FOR HEALTH CENTERS

- CDC's [Colorectal \(Colon\) Cancer website](#)
- National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable's [Risk Assessment and Screening Toolkit](#)



# Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition in Health Centers

## 77% of HRSA-funded health centers have recognition as of 12/31/2020



Source: Accreditation and Patient Centered Medical Home Report, EHB



# National Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition in Health Centers

## 77% (1,064/1,376) of health centers have recognition as of December 31, 2020

State Abbreviation	PCMH Recognition
ND	50%
NV	50%
SD	50%

State Abbreviation	PCMH Recognition
OK	62%
AK	63%
HI	64%
MD	65%
SC	65%
TN	66%
DE	67%
WY	67%
PA	67%
WV	68%
KY	68%
GA	69%
UT	69%
NH	70%
CA	70%
IN	70%
IA	71%
LA	72%
TX	74%
KS	74%
AZ	74%

State Abbreviation	PCMH Recognition
MS	75%
WI	75%
IL	76%
AL	76%
NC	77%
NJ	78%
OH	78%
ID	79%
AR	83%
ME	83%
FL	85%
NE	86%
MI	87%
RI	88%

State Abbreviation	PCMH Recognition
VA	92%
WA	93%
MN	94%
NM	94%
MA	95%
NY	95%
CO	100%
CT	100%
DC	100%
GU	100%
MO	100%
MP	100%
MT	100%
OR	100%
VT	100%



# 2021 Health Center Patient Survey (HCPS)

- The 2021 HCPS fielding has begun!
- Why now?
  - Need to better understand patient perspectives of their care and services, especially during COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Data informs future development of Health Center Program and preparation for future public health emergencies.
- Further details on [HCPS webpage](#).



# Remember...

- When you visit [bphc.hrsa.gov](http://bphc.hrsa.gov) – take the survey that pops up
- February 15-May 15 – Federally-facilitated Marketplace Special Enrollment Period
- March 15 – Promoting Pediatric Primary Prevention (P4) Challenge application due at 5 p.m. ET



# Mark Your Calendar

- Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates
  - Tuesday, March 23, 2-3 p.m. ET
  - Thursday, April 15, 2-3 p.m. ET
  - Tuesday, May 4, 2-3 p.m. ET
  - Thursday, May 27, 2-3 p.m. ET
  - Thursday, June 17, 2-3 p.m. ET

*Join Us!*



# Questions?

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# Thank You!

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