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# Bowers' Hour: Health Center Program Updates

*Tuesday, April 12, 2022*

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# Bowers' Hour: Health Center Program Updates

## AGENDA

- ❑ National Minority Health Month
- ❑ Funding and Program Updates
- ❑ Mark Your Calendar
- ❑ Q&A

# A Word from OMH



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Director, [Office of Minority Health](#)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Explore <https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/nmhm/> to access partner resources and the toolkit.

# COVID-19 Response Programs

- Health Center COVID-19 Vaccine Program
  - 8.5M+ doses administered
- HRSA COVID-19 Testing Supply Program
  - Nearly 18M at-home self-tests ordered
  - 684 Analyzers and 993,240 test strips
- HRSA Health Center COVID-19 Therapeutics Program
  - 51,500+ courses ordered
- HRSA Health Center COVID-19 N95 Mask Program
  - Nearly 11.2M N95 masks ordered



# COVID-19: Test to Treat Strategy

**DON'T DELAY: TEST SOON AND TREAT EARLY**  
| COVID-19 |

Get tested as soon as possible after your symptoms start.

If you test positive and are at high risk of getting very sick, treatment may be available.

Contact your healthcare provider right away if your result is positive.

Don't delay. Treatment must be started early to work.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

- A robust program is critical in the fight against COVID-19
- Outpatient COVID-19 treatment closely linked to testing can be effectively integrated and delivered through primary care
- [Infographic CDC Test Soon and Treat Early](#)
- [March 4 HRSA Test to Treat Webinar](#)
- [ASPR Test to Treat Initiative](#)



# Recent COVID-19 News

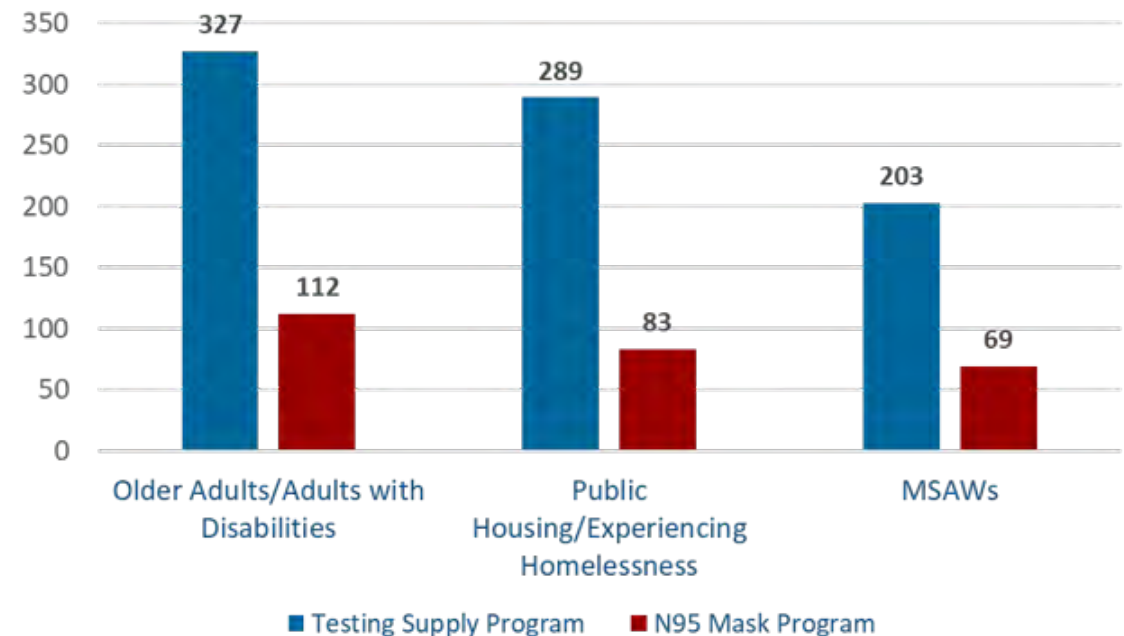
- March 30: [COVID.gov](https://www.covid.gov) launched
  - Place-based, one-stop shop to access vaccines, tests, treatments, and masks, and the latest updates on COVID-19
- CDC recommends additional boosters for certain individuals
  - [CDC's booster shot website](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/decision-making/2022-05-05-cdc-recommends-boosters-for-certain-individuals.html)



# Partnerships to Distribute COVID-19 Supplies

- HRSA encourages partnerships between health centers and stakeholder networks that support:
  - Older adults and people with disabilities
  - Individuals living in HUD-assisted housing and/or experiencing homelessness
  - Migratory/seasonal agricultural workers (MSAWs)

Number of Health Centers Distributing COVID-19 Testing and Mask Supplies to Special Populations



Source: Health Center COVID-19 Survey





# CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* Program



## Overview of Milestone Checklists 2022 Revisions and Updates

- Present milestones at age **MOST** ( $\geq 75\%$ ) children would be expected to demonstrate the milestone
- There is now a checklist for each age at which a health supervision visit is recommended
- Were tested to ensure they are clear and relatable to families from different social, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds

Read the full publication, “**Evidence-Informed Milestones for Developmental Surveillance Tools**” online in the March edition of *Pediatrics*

- Use plain language; avoiding vague terms like may, can, and begins
- Show progression of skills with age
- Include open-ended questions to help elicit concerns not captured by milestones, build trust
- Include expanded tips and activities for parents to support their children’s development
- Include information on how to act early if there are concerns



# CDC's *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* Resources



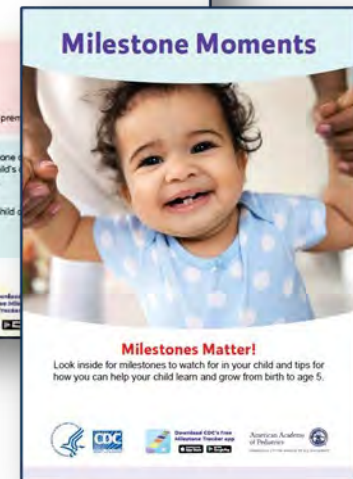
Remember, they are

- **FREE**, access them at [www.cdc.gov/ActEarly/Materials](http://www.cdc.gov/ActEarly/Materials)
- Available in English, Spanish, and multiple other languages
- Customizable— add your health center logo, contact info, and other local resources
- Also accessible to families through *CDC's Milestone Tracker* app

Email [ActEarly@cdc.gov](mailto:ActEarly@cdc.gov) with questions or to share your experiences using the materials in your center

Visit [www.cdc.gov/ActEarly](http://www.cdc.gov/ActEarly) for more information

Visit [www.cdc.gov/ActEarly/Healthcare](http://www.cdc.gov/ActEarly/Healthcare) for healthcare-specific information



# Health Center Funding

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## *Fiscal Year 2022 Updates*

- ✓ Accelerating Cancer Screening (AxCS)
- ✓ American Rescue Plan Uniform Data System Patient-Level Submission (ARP-UDS+)
- ✓ School-Based Service Sites
- ✓ Ending the HIV Epidemic – Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP)
- ✓ Health Center Controlled Networks (HCCN)
- ✓ Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)



# U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S Department of Education Coordinating and Aligning Resources



March 22, 2022

Dear Governors:

The COVID-19 pandemic caused the Nation’s children and youth to face unprecedented challenges and further exacerbated preexisting inequities. Childcare centers, schools, after-school programs, and recreational activities closed, disconnecting nearly 60 million children and youth from essential resources and supports.<sup>1</sup> Many families faced job loss, economic hardship, and food insecurity.

Our Nation’s children have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including significant impacts on their mental health. As of June 2021, approximately 140,000 children have lost a parent or grandparent caregiver to COVID-19.<sup>2</sup> Youth reports of psychological distress have doubled since the pandemic began, with 25 percent reporting depressive symptoms

## School-based Health Services – HHS Resources March 2022

Name of Initiative or Tool	Short Description	Link
<i>Early Care and Education</i>		
A Resource Guide for Developing Integrated Strategies to Support the Social and Emotional Wellness of Children	This resource guide highlights strategies and provides information on how some Child Care and Development Fund grantees have leveraged partnerships and funding to support implementation. Topics include support for the social and emotional wellness of children, families, and providers; implementation considerations; social and emotional wellness initiatives and delivery strategies; promotion of social and emotional competence, as well as mental health, in infants and young children; and more.	<a href="https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource-guide-developing-integrated-strategies-support-social-and-emotional-wellness-children">https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource-guide-developing-integrated-strategies-support-social-and-emotional-wellness-children</a>
Child Care Health Consultation: Skill-Building Modules	Child care health consultants (CCHCs) can use these modules to explore six interactive, realistic scenarios to build and enhance consultation skills.	<a href="https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/health-services-management/article/child-care-health-consultation-skill-building-modules">https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/health-services-management/article/child-care-health-consultation-skill-building-modules</a>
Child Care Health Consultant Competencies	These competencies are for CCHCs working with early care and education (ECE) programs serving infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children and their families. The competencies articulate the key areas of CCHC expertise. They demonstrate how CCHCs working in any ECE setting can apply their specialized knowledge and skills to improve health, safety, and wellness outcomes.	<a href="https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/child-care-health-consultant-competencies">https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/child-care-health-consultant-competencies</a>
Child Care Health Consultants Make Early Care and Education Programs Healthier and Safer	CCHCs support programs by providing expertise in a variety of areas such as increasing staff knowledge on health issues and improving compliance with best practices.	<a href="https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/child-care-health-consultants-make-early-care-education-programs-healthier-safer">https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/child-care-health-consultants-make-early-care-education-programs-healthier-safer</a>
Tips for Early Care and Education Programs	Explore this tip sheet to learn how programs can partner with CCHCs to improve health and safety.	<a href="https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/partner-cchc-improve-health-safety-tips-early-care-education-programs">https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/publication/partner-cchc-improve-health-safety-tips-early-care-education-programs</a>





# Two Virtual Workshops for Health Centers Interested in School-Based Care

## Workshop 1: School & Health Partnerships

Thursday, April 7, 2-4 p.m. ET

## Workshop 2: Do School-Based Health Center Models Expand Your Community Reach? Yes!

**Come Learn the Recipes for Success**

Tuesday, May 17, 2-5 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

Hosted by the National Association of Community  
Health Centers and School-Based Health Alliance



# NEW: UDS Training and Technical Assistance Microsite



- Central, user-friendly hub for health centers to access UDS reporting training and technical assistance
- Organized by UDS topic areas, such as:
  - Patient characteristics
  - Staffing and utilization
  - Clinical care
  - Financials

**Visit the UDS TTA  
[Microsite Homepage](#)**



# Upcoming 2022 UDS Changes Technical Assistance Webinar

## Uniform Data System

### 2022 MANUAL

Health Center Data Reporting Requirements



### Join this webinar to learn more about:

- 2022 Uniform Data System (UDS) reporting requirements
- Important reporting changes, including:
  - ✓ Table 6A (Selected Diagnoses and Services Rendered) changes
  - ✓ Inclusion of a Long COVID-19 measure
  - ✓ Updates to UDS clinical quality measure (CQM) specifications
  - ✓ Using electronic health record data to report CQMs
  - ✓ An update to assessing social risk screening

Wednesday, May 11, 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET

[Register](#)

For more information about reporting changes, visit the [UDS Resources](#) webpage.

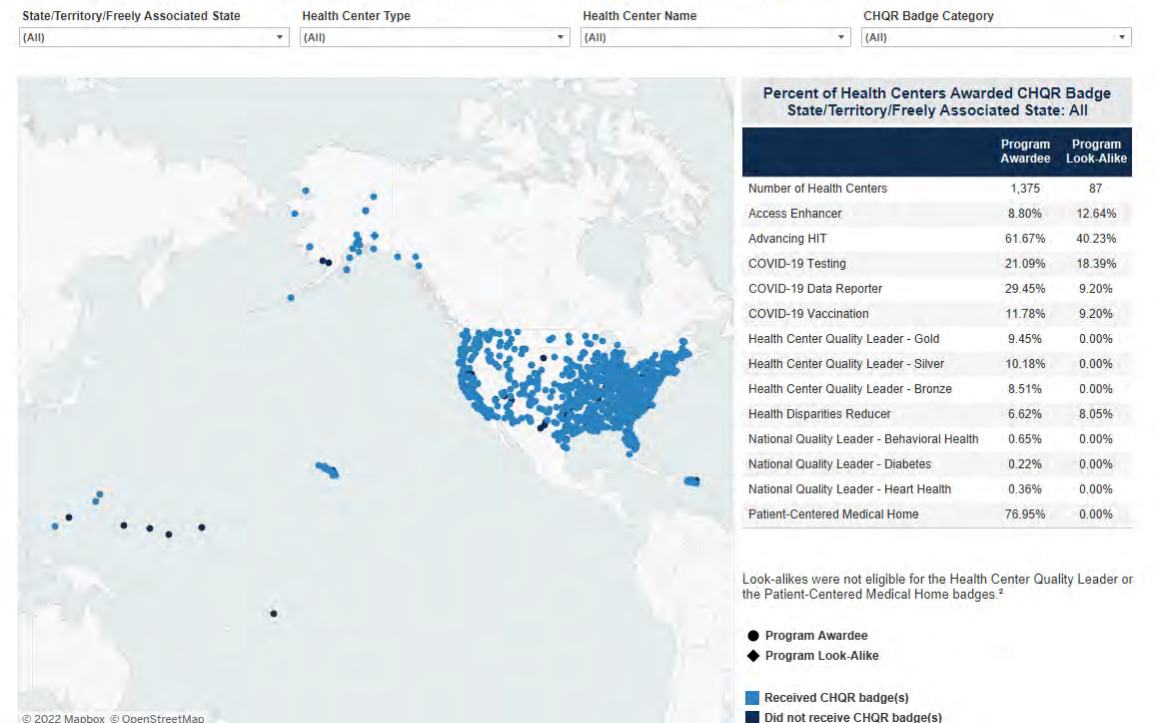


# CHQR Dashboard

## Community Health Quality Recognition (CHQR) Dashboard

- Available publicly on the [data.hrsa.gov](https://data.hrsa.gov) website
- Provides visualization, national-level summary, state-level summaries of CHQR badges awarded
- Identifies program awardees and look-alikes that have made notable quality improvement achievements
- Updated annually with UDS data release

### Explore Community Health Quality Recognition Badges



[Access CHQR Dashboard](#)



# CHQR Badge Eligibility Criteria

- **CHQR badge eligibility criteria have been established for clinical quality measures (CQMs) that do not have established benchmarks**
  - Criteria will be used to award CHQR badges for the 2021–2023 UDS reporting periods
  - Provides health centers with clear targets to shape quality improvement strategies
- **Benchmarks, new badges, and criteria changes will take effect for the 2021 UDS reporting period, including:**
  - Incorporating Look-Alikes (LALs) into Adjusted Quartile Rankings. As a result, LALs will be eligible for Health Center Quality Leader badges
  - Adding new CHQR badge categories: HIV, maternal and child health, and addressing social risk factors to health
  - Awarding one COVID-19 response badge using UDS-reported data on COVID-19 testing and vaccinations
  - Adopting updated criteria for the Health Disparities Reducer badge



Access [CHQR Overview](#) and [CHQR FAQ](#)



# Remember...

- When you visit [bphc.hrsa.gov](http://bphc.hrsa.gov) – take the survey that pops up



# Mark Your Calendar

- Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates
  - [Wednesday, May 4, 3-4 p.m. ET](#)
  - [Tuesday, June 14, 3-4 p.m. ET](#)

*Join Us!*



# Questions?

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# Thank You!

Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)



[Health Center Program Support](#)



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