



## Greetings from the Virginia Primary Care Office & the State Office of Rural Health!

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### Updated COVID-19 Resources

#### Virginia Department of Health (VDH) COVID-19 Vaccination Resources



- [VDH COVID-19 Testing Sites Map](#)
- [VDH Updated Guidance on Testing for COVID-19](#) (Updated 12/14/2020)
- [VDH COVID-19 Vaccination Response](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Phase by Health District](#)
- [Find out which phase of the vaccination campaign you fall in](#)
- [Contact your Local Health District](#)

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#### COVID-19 Communications Materials

- [The Language of Vaccine Acceptance](#) by de Beaumont
- [Public Health Communications Collaborative \(PHCC\)- Misinformation Alerts](#)
- [CDC Vaccination Communication Toolkit](#)
- [PHCC Upcoming Webinar](#)- Updates and Resources from CDC and Ad Council
- [VDH "COVID-19 Vaccine: Facts not Fear" webinars](#)
  - [Webinar tailored to the Behavioral & Mental Health Community](#) (2/2 at 7 PM)
  - [Webinar tailored to the Dental Community](#) (2/16 at 7 PM)

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#### Additional COVID-19 Resources

- [New National Strategy for COVID-19 Response](#)
- [HRSA Find A Health Center](#) (offering COVID-19 screening and testing)
- [NIH Assessment of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Reporting Data Systems](#)
- [CDC Vaccine Tracking System \(VTrckS\)](#)
- [COVID-19 FAQs and Funding for HRSA Programs](#)
- [COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement to Health Care Providers and Facilities for Testing, Treatment, and Vaccine Administration for the Uninsured](#)

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## Information & Resources for Providers & Healthcare Facilities

#### Updated LTBI Treatment Guidelines Webinar



**February 11, 2021 at 11 AM ET**

In 2020, the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association (NTCA) and the CDC issued updated guidance for the treatment of Latent TB Infections.

The Virginia Department of Health TB Program invites you to a webinar to learn more about the

updated Guidelines for the Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI): Recommendations from the National Tuberculosis Controllers Association and CDC, 2020. This webinar will present the updated recommendations for the preferred use of short-course rifamycin-based treatment over the longer-course isoniazid monotherapy for the treatment of LTBI.

For More Information

To Access the Webinar



Join Unite Virginia, a coordinated care network of health and social care providers!

After launching on December 29th, 2020, Unite Virginia is now 130+ partners strong and growing every day!

Partners in the Unite Virginia network are connected through a shared technology platform, Unite Us, which enables them to send and receive electronic referrals, address people's social needs, and improve health across communities.

Joining the network is free of cost for community-based organizations and many organizations that are considered part of the safety net, like community health centers, tribal clinics, and mental health centers. In addition, our network includes free web-based licenses for county agencies, city governments, hospitals, and health care systems.

For More Information



The Virginia State Loan Repayment Program (VA-SLRP) application cycle is now open!

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2021**

VA-SLRP is operated by the Virginia Department of Health-Office of Health Equity (VDH-OHE) providing a non-taxed incentive to qualified medical, dental, behavioral health and pharmaceutical (pharmacists) professionals in return for a minimum of two (2) years of service at an eligible practice site in one of the federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in a qualified field of practice in Virginia. There is a total of \$2,465,000 in available funding.

For more specific details, please call (804) 864-7431 or email [olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov).

Updated Program Flyer

For More Information and to Apply

NHSC Loan Repayment Program Applicants Can Receive Award Preference



The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) continues to collaborate with Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS) to connect clinicians to free Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) training and professional development resources. Two NHSC Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs) – the [NHSC SUD Workforce LRP](#) and [NHSC Rural Community LRP](#) – give award preference to program applicants who have completed MAT training and obtained a DATA 2000 waiver.



### RAND: Evidence-Based Recommendations for Transforming the U.S. Mental Health System

The RAND Corporation is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization that researches and analyzes public policy. In this report, RAND makes frequent reference to rural needs among 15 policy recommendations for reimbursement, workforce development, and telehealth services, among other topics.

[For More Information](#)

### Rural Health Clinics Modernization Policy Explained (By NARHC)

Webinar recording provides an overview of statutory revisions to the Rural Health Clinic (RHC) payment methodology. Explains the impact of the changes on both capped and uncapped RHCs. Includes information on telehealth reimbursement for RHCs.



[To Access the Webinar](#)



### Dr. Norman Oliver, State Health Commissioner, VDH discusses the future of rural health in Virginia on The Rural Health Voice podcast.

What's going on at the Virginia Department of Health to make improvements in our rural communities? Dr. Norm Oliver, State Health Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health discusses the Virginia State Rural Health Plan with Beth O'Connor, executive director of the Virginia Rural Health Association.

[To Access the Podcast](#)

## State & Regional Resources & Funding Opportunities

**Applications for the latest round of Rural Relief Small Business Grants are due TONIGHT!**

**Application Deadline: tonight, February 2, 2021 at 11:59 PM ET**



As part of our continuing commitment to elevate our impact in rural America, OneLISC is inviting small business owners in rural locations across the country to apply for the LISC-Lowe's Rural Relief Small Business Grants program. We will support small businesses and enterprises affected by Covid-19 across the country, especially those in underserved communities, including entrepreneurs of color, women- and veteran-owned businesses that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital

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## Primary Care Training and Enhancement-Community Prevention and Maternal Health (PCTE-CPMH)

**Application Deadline: February 22, 2021**

The PCTE-CPMH program will increase the number of primary care physicians trained to provide maternal and obstetrical healthcare. Grantees will train physicians to improve maternal health outcomes in rural and underserved areas. Approximately \$15.8 million will be available in FY 2021 to fund 26 grantees.

[For More Information](#)

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## Mentoring for Youth Affected by the Opioid Crisis and Drug Addiction

**Application Deadline: March 2, 2021**

Grants to support local, regional, or statewide efforts to provide mentoring services to youth ages 17 and under and their family members impacted by substance misuse and addiction. Priority for this funding cycle will be given to applicants that address the specific challenges that rural communities, that benefit individuals in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties, and that encourage program investments in economically distressed communities (Qualified Opportunity Zones).

[For More Information](#)



**Apply for POWER 2021 funding.**

**Letter of Intent Deadline: March 5, 2021 at 5 PM ET**

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) released a Request for Proposals for applications for the 2021 POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative. POWER seeks to diversify economies in communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. ARC is making funds available through the POWER Initiative for regional investments to develop a competitive workforce, foster entrepreneurial activities, develop industry clusters, strengthen substance abuse response, and expand broadband in coal-impacted areas. Required Letters of Intent should be submitted to [power@arc.gov](mailto:power@arc.gov).

[Letter of Intent PDF file](#)

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## Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

**Application Deadline: March 22, 2021**

Funding to help nonprofit housing and community development intermediary organizations support housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects in rural areas. Priority will be given to applications that address USDA's goal to reduce the morbidity and mortality associated with Substance Use Disorder (including opioid misuse) in high-risk rural communities.

For More Information



United Way of  
Southwest Virginia

### MyFreeTaxes 2021!

United Way's MyFreeTaxes is a free online platform with no income limit requirement. With automatic screening for deductions, you'll file quickly and easily!

Simple tax situations covered in MyFreeTaxes:

- W-2 income
- Education expenses, credits, or student loan interest
- Unemployment income
- and many more!

Check out MyFreeTaxes to see how you can save an average of \$200 in tax filing fees instead of using a paid tax preparer!

For More Information

"Like" us on Facebook to receive live updates on Virginia rural health issues and important messages from our community partners on your Facebook News Feed.



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