

Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID-19 Programs

To expand access to vaccines and ensure equity in COVID-19 response in rural communities, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is working with Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) across the nation to distribute vaccines, strengthen vaccine confidence, and to expand COVID-19 testing and mitigation efforts. This infographic provides information on the four RHC COVID-19 Programs and helps RHCs identify eligible activities within each program.



Testing and Mitigation (RHCCTM)

Maintain and expand access to COVID-19 testing and mitigation activities.

Vaccine Confidence (RHCVC)

Improve vaccine confidence.



Vaccine Distribution (RHCVD)

Deliver COVID-19 vaccines directly to RHCs to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines.

Testing Supply

Provide free COVID-19 testing supplies to CMS-certified RHCs.



Potential RHC COVID-19 Program Activities†

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Free shipment of COVID-19 vaccines	No	No	Yes	No
Free shipment of COVID-19 at-home test kits	No	No	No	Yes
Free shipment of N95 masks	No	No	No	Yes
Free shipment of COVID-19 Point-of-Care testing supplies	No	No	No	Yes
Buy freezer/refrigerator	Yes	No	No	No
Patient giftcard for COVID-19 vaccination	No	Yes	No	No
Public service announcement (TV, radio, web)*	No	Yes	No	No
Buy/rent digital signage/billboard*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hire providers and staff*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Staff retention payments/hiring bonuses*	Yes	No	No	No
Staff transportation*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Staff childcare, temporary housing	Yes	No	No	No
Patient transportation*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Patient childcare costs*	No	Yes	No	No
Buy/rent/operate mobile unit/vehicle*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Buy/rent tent*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Buy sharps disposal containers	Yes	No	No	No
Contact tracing costs	Yes	No	No	No
COVID-19 literacy flyers, buttons, pens, signs, etc.	Yes	Yes	No	No
Social media campaign*	No	Yes	No	No
Retrofit facilities for infection control	Yes	No	No	No
Update HVAC system, HEPA filtration, UVGI fixtures	Yes	No	No	No
Install self-closing devices on doors	Yes	No	No	No
Remove carpet and install sheet vinyl flooring	Yes	No	No	No
Replace upholstered seating with vinyl seating	Yes	No	No	No
Patient self-scheduling technology	Yes	Yes	No	No
Telehealth network integrations software, equipment, services*	Yes	Yes	No	No
Long COVID support	Yes	No	No	No
Buy and distribute at-home COVID-19 tests	Yes	No	No	No
Buy and distribute facemasks	Yes	Yes	No	No



†including, but not limited to, *for applicable RHC Program COVID-19 efforts V4- Updated 4/22