Success stories from NACCHO’s COVID-19 Workforce Project

Through the COVID-19 Workforce Project, the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) has supported rural local health departments across the country.

With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), NACCHO provided health departments with grants of up to $35,000 each. NACCHO also worked with training and technical assistance providers to help the 65 grantees respond to the pandemic — and build their capacity to respond to future public health emergencies.

Here are a few success stories from the project.

**Aberdeen, Washington**
Grays Harbor County Public Health hired bilingual staff members and set up mobile clinics to bring testing and vaccines to people who don’t speak English.

**Cortez, Colorado**
Montezuma County Public Health Department worked with its local hospital and emergency support staff to quickly set up drive-through testing sites across the county.

**Rhinelander, Wisconsin**
Oneida County Health Department held vaccination clinics on different days and times — like in the evenings and on weekends — to make it as easy as possible for residents to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

**Williamsburg, Kentucky**
Whitley County Health Department worked with local schools to create a safe learning environment so students could return to in-person classes.

**Hardwick, Massachusetts**
The Hardwick Board of Health called older adults to let them know when the first COVID-19 vaccines were available — and encouraged them to get vaccinated as soon as possible.