

National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

# RIM Monthly Newsletter

*Updates and resources for SCALING UP COVID-19 PREVENTION AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES  
WITH REFUGEE, IMMIGRANT, AND MIGRANT (RIM) COMMUNITIES*

**April 26, 2022**

## COVID-19 CDC Data Updates

CDC reports US COVID-19 data: 80.8M cases and 988,707 deaths; 44,416 new cases and 314 new deaths in last 7 days (data updated 04/25/2022)

US COVID-19 Vaccination data: 257.2M Vaccinated with 82.4% of population 5years and older received at least 1 dose (data updated 04/25/2022)

## Highlights of the Month

### Casa de Maryland

Casa de Maryland now known as “CASA” is an immigrant, advocacy and direct service organization originally operating out of Fayette now expanded to the headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. With over 123,000 families as members, it is the largest member led organization in the mid-Atlantic consisting of directly impacted middle to low- income working class members that emigrated from Latin America and Africa.

Through the support from the RIM Grant, CASA is dedicated to improving trust with the community by using the “three-touch management method” where members who are vaccine hesitant not only get the vaccine but also develop a COVID-19 crisis safety plan.

Lydia Walther-Rodriguez, the regional director speaks on a new pilot program with medical partners; “CASA is committed to providing uninsured members vaccinated at their clinics who still test positive for COVID-19 with free healthcare consultations, infusion treatments and/or prescription medications”. This is a means to bridging the community trust beyond the vaccine work by supporting members of the community with access to free healthcare.

Considering how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected people of all ages, CASA is proud of its efforts in vaccinating children 5years and older, thereby making COVID-19 vaccinations a family affair. This has also emboldened previously hesitant members to take up leadership roles and become advocates for the importance of vaccinations in their community.



### **World Immunization Week 2022- April 24-30, 2022**

Theme: “Long Life for All” #Vaccines4Life

As we celebrate World Immunization Week, taking place April 24-30st, 2022, we would like to reflect on the ways that our local health department members are situated on the global landscape. This week we are highlighting Refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) populations, which include people residing in the United States who were born in another country.

NACCHO, has partnered with the University of Minnesota’s National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants (NRC-RIM), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in supporting selected LHDs and CBOs to rapidly scale up innovative COVID-19 education, testing, contact tracing, vaccination, and other prevention and mitigation strategies with RIM communities.

You can also visit the [NACCHO blogsite](#) for more information.

## **New Funding Opportunities for Pharmacies and Retail Health Clinics Working to Provide Sexual Health Services**

NACCHO and CDC- Division of STD Prevention (DSTDP) have announced two new funding opportunities for health departments.

- Leveraging Pharmacies for STI Services and Care- Applications due on May 27, 2022.
- Leveraging Retail Health Clinics for STI/HIV Services and Care for Underserved Minorities- Applications due on May 31, 2022.

Visit [here](#) or contact Rebekah Horowitz at [rhorowitz@naccho.org](mailto:rhorowitz@naccho.org) to learn more.

## **Applications Open: NACCHO's Subject Matter Expert Advisory Workgroups**

A list of NACCHO's Subject Matter Expert Advisory Workgroups, along with their descriptions and the time commitments required to serve, [is available here](#). Application period ends on April 30, 2022. Apply [here](#) or send an email to [advisorygroups@naccho.org](mailto:advisorygroups@naccho.org) for more information.

## **News and Announcements**

### **Public Health Scholarship Program**

Through the PHSP, scholarship recipients will gain the requisite knowledge and skills necessary to prevent, prepare for, and respond to recovery activities related to COVID-19, as well as other public health emergencies. Awarded recipients will provide scholarships to individuals to train in professional, graduate, degree, and/or certificate programs. If you are having issues related to COVID-19 vaccine deployment including distribution and administration, please send any questions or issues to [preparedness@naccho.org](mailto:preparedness@naccho.org).

### **CDC Funding Opportunity Now Open: Integrating Positive and Adverse Childhood Experiences into Childhood Care (IPACE): Academic Detailing Pilot Project**

For full details about the funding opportunity, please review the [Request for Applications](#). Applications must be submitted here no later than May 2, 2022 at 5:00 pm EST. Submissions after this deadline will not be considered. Send an email to the Injury and Violence Prevention Team at [IVP@naccho.org](mailto:IVP@naccho.org) for questions.

## **Shot at Life + United Nations Foundation Launch "Advocate to Vaccinate" Campaign**

Advocate to Vaccinate will take place from March 20 – April 30, culminating in the last week of April during World Immunization Week. To get involved, [sign the petition](#) asking Congress to fully fund global immunization programs in the 2023 fiscal year.

## **From the Field: Research, Policy, and Project Updates**

### **Vaccines and Ramadan**

Since Ramadan began in April, there have been some concern that receiving a vaccine could be considered breaking fast, or that it may not be halal. NRC-RIM and partners have created a series of videos and other resources about Ramadan faith leaders addressing potential questions or concerns from members of Muslim communities. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **FDA Authorizes First Diagnostic Test using Breath Samples**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the first COVID-19 diagnostic test that detects the virus in breath samples. The test can be performed in medical offices, hospitals and mobile testing sites. The test is performed by a trained operator and can provide results in less than 3 minutes. [Click here to find out more.](#)

### **CDC Mask Order Remains in Effect and CDC Realigns Travel Health Notice System**

CDC is announcing two COVID-19 travel-related updates based on close-monitoring of the COVID-19 landscape in the United States and internationally. [Click here to learn more.](#)

### **#NoJudgment: Created for and by Immigrant and Refugee Youth**

This is a toolkit developed by NRC-RIM and IDEO.org that offers resources for community-based organizations and individuals to help de-escalate the often-polarized conversations that are taking place around the COVID-19 vaccine among young people in refugee, immigrant, and migrant (RIM) communities. By using the tools in #NoJudgment we hope you can invite youth in your community to engage in meaningful conversations around the COVID-19 vaccine.

## Health Equity Resources and News

[New CDC Data Illuminate Youth Mental Health Threats during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[New Data Suggest STDs Continued to Increase during First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

[CDC Statement on Masks in Public Transportation Settings](#)

[The Public Health Communications Collaborative has Updated its COVID-19 Booster Toolkit](#)

[Fear, Uncertainty, and Apathy: COVID Infections Rise, but Hospitalizations Remain Low](#)

[FDA Recalls Infant Formula](#)

## Webinars and Trainings

**[Be a Superhero: How to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Schools through Community Collaboration Webinar: NRC-RIM + IRC](#)**

Date: April 29, 2022

Time: 11 a.m. Pacific Time | 2 p.m. ET [Register here](#)

**[#NoJudgment: A Vaccine Confidence Campaign Created by and for Immigrant and Refugee Youth by NRC-RIM and IDEO.ORG](#)**

Date: April 28, 2022

Time: 9 am PT | 12 pm ET [Register here](#)

**Immunization and Testing Certification**

Date: May 11, 2022

Time: 2 p.m. ET [Register Here](#)

## Virtual Communities Info

### Join our Virtual Communities!

#### How to Sign Up for Virtual Communities (VC)

- Email [membership@naccho.org](mailto:membership@naccho.org) requesting an account
- Once membership has created you an account, email [RIM@naccho.org](mailto:RIM@naccho.org) to be added to the group
- You will then be added to the VC page and sent instructions on using the page
- It takes 24-72 hours to enroll in the VC after membership creates an account for you



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