

# RIM Monthly Newsletter

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

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## COVID-19 CDC Data Updates

CDC [reports US COVID-19 data](#): 78.7M cases with 944,517 deaths, 481,708 new cases in last 7 days (data updated 2/28)

[US COVID-19 Vaccination data](#): 689.7M doses delivered, 552.5M doses administered, 215.5M fully vaccinated, 94.0M received booster (2/28)

## Highlights of the Month

Located in the eastern region of San Diego, also known as El Cajon, lives a vibrant community of refugee, migrant, and immigrant (RIM) people – more specifically, Middle Eastern, Chaldean, Afghan, Mexican, and African communities. [San Ysidro](#) is a non-profit organization committed to providing high-quality, compassionate, accessible, and affordable health care services for this community. Initially established by seven women in 1969, 50 years later, San Ysidro now has over 50 clinics and serves over 109,000 people through a vast and integrated network of program sites across San Diego County, including medical and dental clinics, behavioral health centers, HIV centers, WIC nutrition centers, mobile medical units, school-based health centers, chiropractic services, pediatric developmental clinic, teen clinic, senior health center and Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

In July 2020, it was [reported](#) by Channel 7 San Diego News that San Ysidro had one of the highest numbers of coronavirus deaths.

Besma Coda, Project Manager for San Ysidro, stated, “Access to healthcare, employment rates, housing stability, education levels, and the need for social connection” are factors for the sky-rocketing COVID-19 rates within this community.

In light of the COVID 19 pandemic, San Ysidro continues to be a prominent beacon within the communities they serve. In partnerships with San Diego Refugee Communities Coalition ( License to Freedom, United Women of East Africa, Majdal Center, and the Chaldean Community Council), San Ysidro provides RIM communities with COVID-19 resources and tools through clinic navigation, provider training, community outreach, and most importantly, culturally appropriate health education from the community members and health providers while remaining linguistically inclusive. One of the most profound activities San Ysidro performed through the RIM grant (RCCPP-NACCHO) was their COVID-19 presentation at the Afghan Community Center on February 7, 2022. The RCCPP-NACCHO workshop was watched by 2,700 people and translated into four languages: English, Arabic, Farsi, and Dari. San Ysidro continues to positively impact the RIM communities living within their community by centering their work around health education, cultural competency, and language inclusivity.



# SAN YSIDRO HEALTH

## **Influence NRC-RIM Offerings with New Survey**

In just five minutes, you can help NRC-RIM create more relevant resources that will enhance your COVID-19 response in RIM communities. Your feedback is crucial to their efforts to advance health equity across the country.

## **Support Vaccine Confidence Among Immigrant and Refugee mothers**

NRC-RIM and IDEO.org recently launched a new toolkit, called Mothers x Mothers, designed to help organizations plan and implement health-focused meetup groups for immigrant and refugee mothers. The elements of the toolkit are informed and tested by mothers' experiences, and create the conditions to have a judgment-free conversation around the vaccine among mothers. By equipping mothers with the tools to host their own meetups, NRC-RIM aims to improve vaccine confidence in a safe, supportive space. Learn more [in their webinar](#); two dates were just announced in March. Mini-grants are available to organizations that wish to host their own Mothers x Mothers meetup; email [nrcrim@umn.edu](mailto:nrcrim@umn.edu) for information.

## News and Announcements

### **Request for Applications: Building Workforce Capacity of Rural and Frontier Local Health Departments to Respond to COVID-19**

NACCHO is pleased to announce a funding opportunity for local health departments through a Request for Application process. With support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NACCHO will offer funding to approximately 35 rural and/or frontier health departments to help build their workforce capacity to respond to COVID-19 for Year 2 of this project. Applicants may apply for funding awards of \$35,000 to support COVID-19 response and recovery activities related to: administrative preparedness, emergency preparedness and response, communications, workforce mental health and well-being, health equity, and emerging issues. The application deadline is Wednesday, March 16, at 11:59 PM ET.

### **Order COVID-19 Tests in 150+ Languages**

The U.S. Government has set up a hotline for people who have trouble using the online ordering site or need help in languages other than English. Call 1-800-232-0233 from 8 a.m. to midnight ET to order four tests per household.

### **North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) Abstracts are DUE MARCH 1st**

NRC-RIM is partnering with the Society of Refugee Healthcare Providers to offer a special track at the North American Refugee Health Conference (NARHC) specifically for COVID-19 public health efforts. NRC-RIM is supporting public health professionals interested in attending the conference by covering registration fees.

### **New Mask Infographic in English and Spanish from Public Health Communications Collaborative**

A new infographic from the Public Health Communications Collaborative, available in English and Spanish, to promote the highest level of mask protection in your community. For more masking resources, check out NRC-RIM conversation guide and fact sheet, which is available in 20 languages.

### **RIM Publishes Two New Videos That Highlight Immigrant's Perspectives on COVID-19 Vaccines**

The National Resource Center for Refugees, Immigrants and Migrants (NRC-RIM) published an animated short, Children Keep Our Communities Strong, that explores the perspective of an immigrant mother as she reflects on why she chose to vaccinate her two children. The video is currently available in English, Arabic, French, Karen, Nepali, Russian, Tigrinya and Ukrainian. NRC-RIM published another video, What I Want My People to Know, which explores vaccine hesitancy. The video is available in Congolese Swahili with subtitles in Swahili, French and English.

## Webinars and Trainings

### **Mothers, by Mothers: A Community Health Meetup That Supports Vaccine Confidence**

March 10 and March 24 at 9:00 AM PT | 12 PM ET

Hosted by: NRC-RIM

## 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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