



## **HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Sentinel Network**

Local health departments play an important role in the prevention, care, and treatment of HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis. NACCHO's HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis program aims to strengthen the capacity of local health departments to address HIV, STIs, and viral hepatitis by providing technical and capacity building assistance, developing and disseminating tools and resources, and facilitating information exchange, peer engagement, and learning opportunities.

NACCHO is forming the HIV, STI, and Viral Hepatitis Sentinel Network as a means to increase our understanding of local health department efforts, needs, challenges, and successes. This information will contribute to NACCHO's ability to effectively support local health department practice and guide our efforts with federal partners and national stakeholders to advocate on behalf of local health departments for adequate resources and appropriate public health legislation. The Sentinel Network will serve as a critical mechanism for gathering the local health department perspective so that NACCHO can fulfill its mission to be a leader, partner, catalyst, and voice for local health departments.

To establish a Sentinel Network that represents the diversity of local health departments across the country, NACCHO is aiming for participation from at least two members from each state, and a spectrum of jurisdiction sizes and geographic locations and settings.

The Sentinel Network also provides opportunities for peer learning and engagement among its members. NACCHO will conduct quarterly virtual meetings with Sentinel Network members to share findings from its activities and discuss topics of interest. These events will also provide opportunities for Sentinel Network members to connect with federal and national partners and other experts in the field.

### Membership Details and Benefits

- NACCHO will distribute brief (5-10 minute) online queries no more than quarterly.
- Members do not need to be the respondent for all queries. Queries can be forwarded to the person in the health department most appropriate to respond based on the topic.
- Following each query, NACCHO will convene a virtual meeting to share and discuss the findings with members and their colleagues.
- NACCHO will offer opportunities for members to attend and present at national conferences and meetings, as funding allows.
- NACCHO will serve as a resource for Sentinel Network members, sharing pertinent and timely information and opportunities, and supporting connection to peers and partners in the field.

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