

Special Announcement: CHW COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

Dear Colleagues;

We are excited to announce a new COVID-19 vaccine resource for our public health and health care colleagues. Today we launched our **Community Health Worker (CHW) COVID-19 Vaccine Basics Online Training Module** to support this essential and critical workforce. We believe fervently in “nothing about us without us” and sought input from over 280 CHWs across the U.S., gathering their questions, concerns, and needs related to COVID-19 vaccines, both personally and that they’ve encountered in their work. CHWs are frontline health workers with the skills, empathy, and connection to communities that can help stop the spread and devastating impact of COVID-19. MCDPH is committed to providing accessible, culturally appropriate training, outreach, and support to this vital workforce. We hope you’ll explore this training and share it with your colleagues!

Best Regards,
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Co-Directors, MCD Public Health

Community Health Worker COVID-19 Vaccine Basics Online Training

MCD Public Health is pleased to announce the launch of our new **Community Health Worker COVID-19 Vaccine Basics Online Training Module**. MCDPH continues to uphold its goal that all communities across the United States, especially those facing significant health inequities, have the culturally appropriate educational tools and resources they need to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their communities from chronic and infectious diseases. Community health workers (CHWs) are essential public health professionals and need trustworthy COVID-19 information and tools to continue to fight the spread and devastating impact of COVID-19.



Training Topics

This new comprehensive training supplements our highly popular course, **CHWs and COVID-19 Online Training Module** launched in May 2020.

The CHW Vaccines Basics Online Training Module covers what CHWs need to know about COVID-19 vaccines and where they can find vaccine resources in their community.

The crucial topics include:

- Description of COVID-19 vaccines currently available and about how they work.

- Frequently asked questions, myths, and facts, including misinformation and disinformation.
- Vaccine hesitancy and effective communication around vaccines.
- Benefits, safety, and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, as well as potential allergic reactions.
- Recommended schedule and phases of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout.
- How to prepare for and what to expect during and following a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.
- Where to find state, county, or local health department information.

Preview an excerpt from the training and hear from some CHWs



CHW Online Training Program

MCDPH is also home to the **Community Health Worker Online Training Program**. The training program has reached 49 states and over 8000 users from health departments, health systems, and community-based organizations. The training covers chronic disease management, including high blood pressure, prediabetes, diabetes, asthma, breast cancer, cervical cancer, colorectal cancer, and cholesterol.



All content is offered in both English and Spanish. The **CHW COVID-19 Online Training Module** can also be found there and is available in English, Spanish, French, and Arabic. Participants receive a certificate of completion after finishing each module, with some states offering continuing education credits.

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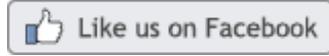
More on MCD's COVID-19 Work



MCD's mission has never been more critical than during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We are deeply concerned about the threat the coronavirus poses to the health and well-being of the global community, the people we serve, and our staff, partners, families and friends. The COVID-19 pandemic stands as a stark reminder of the need for universally accessible public health services capable of effectively preventing, containing, and ultimately mitigating the global impact of infectious diseases, including emerging zoonotic diseases, in a timely and impactful way.

Visit [MCD.org](https://mcd.org) to learn more about our COVID-19 work.

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