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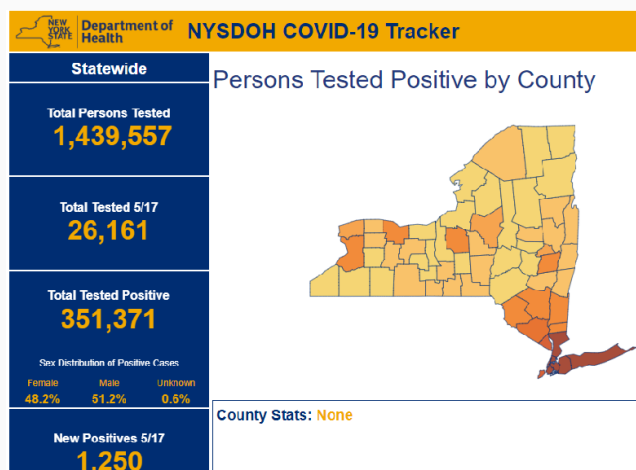
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CORONAVIRUS

NYSARH recognizes that the Spring of 2020 will be forever connected with the spread of the COVID-19 virus throughout New York State and the rest of the country. As we finalize this issue, we mourn 22,729 deaths in New York.

This issue is dedicated to the thousands of healthcare, public health, ambulance, nursing home, disability service, home care, behavioral health, grocery, pharmacy, transportation and human service professionals who risked their own health to serve people in great need.



Stay up to date:
NYS DOH COVID-19 Tracker
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From our President . . .



Dear NYSARH Members and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary circumstances you have faced in recent weeks battling COVID-19 and, on behalf of NYSARH, I want to thank you for your unwavering dedication to the health and safety of our rural communities.

Many of our members are essential workers on the front line serving those infected by the novel COVID-19 virus and/or continuing to care for the injured, sick, and most vulnerable. Others are on PAUSE and working from home to keep services and programs operating smoothly so residents have resources to meet their families' needs.

During these times, NYSARH is here to support your efforts and continues to work on your behalf:

In January and February 2020, NYSARH sent its largest delegation to date visiting both Albany (22 delegates with 20 visits) and Washington, DC (8 delegates with 12 visits) to meet with elected officials about policy and fiscal issues facing our rural communities. A new Policy page has been added to the NYSARH website and we invite you to visit regularly to stay abreast on rural health issues. A special thank you to Committee Chair Barry Brogan, NYSARH Strategic Development Director Sara Wall Bollinger, and NYSARH's Administrative Team for leading our advocacy efforts.

NYSARH continues to administer the 2019-2020 Legislative Appropriation Award championed by Senator Rachel May (D-53rd) supporting 32 Rural Health Networks and 44 Rural Access Hospitals. Funding was distributed to the organizations under the guidance of the Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health with the purpose of supporting services to rural residents. We look forward to sharing results of this Initiative on our website and in future Newsletters.

NYSARH welcomed twenty-four (24) new members since October 2019, thanks to the efforts of the Membership Committee led by Charlotte Crawford, Chairperson. A Student Membership study continues in order to advise NYSARH on how to better engage our student members. We look forward to sharing the study results in an upcoming Newsletter.

Finally, please remember the value of self-care. Take a moment to focus on your own physical and emotional wellbeing. If NYSARH can assist you, your community, or your organization, please contact us. We invite you to join our efforts and committees. We are in this together!

Regards,

Helen Evans





NYS Budget Summary

As New York City became the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic and Senators and Assembly members tested positive, legislative leaders and members of the Governors' staff continued to negotiate details for the 2020-21 State Budget. The budget was passed in the wee hours of April 3rd with an estimated revenue gap of \$6 to \$15 billion. The Governor may amend the budget based on actual revenue three times during the year. Each time he does so, the Legislature will have ten days to come up with a better plan. If they don't, the Governor's plan will be implemented. [Read more...](#)

NYSARH Quarterly

It has been three years since our first issue of the NYSARH Quarterly in April 2017. The Board of Directors would like some feedback from you, our readers, so that we can continue to bring you news and information that adds value.

Please respond to this [five-question survey](#).



Timely Research about Loneliness

A study on isolation's neural underpinnings implies many may feel literally 'starved' for contact amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Read more...](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

NYSARH MAY 2020 WEBINAR

Health Inequities in Rural Finger Lakes – A deeper look within our County Data

**Thursday, May 21, 2020
1:00pm – 2:00pm**

Kathi Lynch, M.S.,
Health Planning Research Analyst
and
Amie Kulak, M.H.S.A.,
Director of Analytics
[Common Ground Health](#)

[Register](#) in advance!



NYSARH JUNE 2020 WEBINAR

Telehealth and COVID-19
Thursday, June 18, 2020
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Katy Cook,
Telehealth Project Manager
and
Nancy DelMastro, Telehealth Project
Specialist
[Adirondack Health Institute](#)

[Register](#) in advance!



Measuring impact during COVID-19

*Emma Nalin, Project Coordinator
Rural Health Network, South Central New York*

Like many rural community organizations, Rural Health Network of SCNY has rapidly assessed and adapted our services to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. While providing direct service to rural clients in need is our most urgent priority, it is also important to keep measurement in mind at all stages of the planning and implementation process. When the pandemic ends, the data we collect now will be critical in describing our response and building resilience against future crises. [Read more . . .](#)

Federal CARES Act and CMS Regulatory Relief – Rural Impact

Rural Health: [CARES Act Summary](#) from the National Rural Health Association.

Thanks to the grassroots advocacy from people like YOU, the several Coronavirus relief bills passed by Congress have included provisions that help rural healthcare.

[CMS has now issued new, significant regulatory relief](#), including priorities fought for by the National Rural Health Association.

COVID-19 Rural Health Resources

- NYSARH COVID-19 [Resources](#)
- NRHA's COVID 19 resources page can be [found here](#).
- The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) has released several tools to help rural leaders respond to the coronavirus pandemic, including a COVID-19 [Frequently Asked Questions site](#).
FORHP's Find Funding site is linked [here](#).

More resources can be found on [NYSARH's Resources page](#).



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Pew Research on Coronavirus Response



The current pandemic shows that virtually all government branches and agencies can contribute to controlling this deadly disease, softening the blow to Americans' health and financial well-being, and reducing disparities in health outcomes caused by factors such as race, income, or geography. Coordinated strategies that cut across government agencies and societal sectors should be the rule for, not exception to, responding to COVID-19 and other extraordinary threats.

[Read more ...](#)

Upcoming Funding Opportunities



[DOH01-DRPLR7-2020](#): Doctors Across New York Physician Loan Repayment and Physician Practice Support Programs Cycle VII

[USDA-RD-HCFP-RCDI-2020](#): Rural Community Development Initiative

[HHS-2020-ACL-AOD-DNHE-0416](#): Health Equity in Developmental Disabilities

[HRSA-20-031](#): Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

[HRSA-20-107](#): Rural Residency Planning and Development Program

[HRSA-20-108](#): Rural Telementoring Training Center

[PA-18-795 AHRQ](#): Health Services Research Projects (R01)

[PA-18-794 AHRQ](#): Small Research Grant Program (R03)

HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning

Application Deadline: July 13, 2020

Webinar for applicants: Wednesday, May 27 at 3:00 pm EDT.

Call-In Number: 1-888-469-0646 Participant Code: 4761843

Weblink: https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/fy20_rcorp_planning/

View the funding opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

To learn more about how HRSA is addressing the opioid epidemic, visit <https://www.hrsa.gov/opioids>.



If the mission and goals of NYSARH are consistent with your own, or are just attractive to you, we would be happy to have you join our organization and to help it grow. In numbers there is strength. Please help the voice for rural health to be heard, [join](#) today.



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- Adirondack Health
- Adirondack Health Institute
- Alleghany County Department of Health
- Aligned Medicine, PC
- Ardent Solutions
- Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired of NNY
- Avalon Behavioral Health Solution
- BerryDunn
- Bertrand Chaffee Hospital
- Binghamton University-Decker School of Nursing
- Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc.
- Canton-Potsdam Hospital
- Catskill Hudson Area Health Educ. Center
- Cayuga County Comm. Health Network, Inc.
- Chenango Health Network, Inc
- Citizen Advocates, Inc.
- Clinton County Health Department
- Clinton County Office For the Aging
- Central NY Area Health Educ. Center
- Common Ground Health
- Cortland County Health Department
- Delaware Co Rural Healthcare Alliance
- Elizabethtown Community Hospital
- Ellenville Regional Hospital
- Finger Lakes Community Health
- Fort Drum Reg. Health Planning Org.
- Foundation for Community Health
- Healthy Community Alliance, Inc.
- Healthy Connections
- Hudson Headwaters Health Network
- Hudson River Health Care
- Human Service Development
- Human Svcs. Coalition of Tompkins County
- Ira Davenport Memorial Hospital/ArnotHealth
- Jones Memorial Hospital
- Lake Plains Community Care Network
- LECOM at Elmira
- M.S. Hall & Associates, LLC
- Madison County Rural Health Council, Inc.
- Marist College - Physician Assistant Program
- New York Association of Licensed Midwives
- New York State Birth Center Association
- North Country Family Health Center, Inc.
- North Country Healthy Heart Network
- North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council, Inc.
- Northern Area Health Educ. Center
- Northern Oswego Co Health Services (dba ConnexCare)
- NYU Rory Myers College of Nursing
- Oak Orchard Health
- Olean General Hospital
- Onondaga Council on Alcoholism and Addictions, Inc. (dba Prevention Network)
- Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.
- Planned Parenthood of the North Country NY
- River Hospital, Inc.
- rprrt, LLC
- Rural Health Education Network of Schoharie, Otsego and Montgomery Counties
- Rural Health Network of South Central New York
- S2AY Rural Health Network
- Seven Valleys Health Coalition
- Shaker High School
- Slaterville Volunteer Fire Company
- Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc.
- St. Lawrence County Health Initiative, Inc.
- Sullivan County Public Health Services
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- Syracuse VA Medical Center
- The Chautauqua Center
- The Healthcare Consortium
- The Resource Center
- Tioga Opportunities, Inc.
- Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Unidine
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- University of Ottawa
- Univ. of VT Health Network - Alice Hyde Medical Center
- Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood
- Upstate Family Health Center, Inc.
- UR/St. James Hospital
- Veschusio Health Policy Consulting
- Wayne County Rural Health Network
- Western New York Healthcare Association
- Western NY Rural Area Health Educ.
- Wyoming County Community Health System

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