

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Protecting Rural Communities from Flu, COVID-19, and RSV This Season

Join NYSARH and the Risk Less. Do More. campaign to safeguard rural New York families from respiratory illnesses this fall and winter. In collaboration with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this effort highlights vaccines that help prevent severe illness from flu, COVID-19, and RSV.

Stay tuned for updates on how to get involved, from pop-up clinics to free test kits. For details and the event calendar, visit NYSARH's Respiratory Virus Awareness page or RiskLessDoMore.hhs.gov.

[View Calendar](#)

**RISK LESS.
DO MORE.**
Get this season's vaccines

A campaign to increase awareness and uptake of vaccines for flu, COVID-19, and RSV in at-risk populations.



Join us for our Expert Webinar

Wednesday, Dec 11th
1:00 pm via Zoom

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NYS ASSOCIATION FOR
RURAL HEALTH

[Register Today!](#)

LCDR Israel Cross is a compassionate gerontologist and United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps officer with over fifteen years of experience in public health and aging. Known for his heartfelt dedication to improving the lives of older adults, Cross combines his expertise across healthcare, health information technology, disease prevention, and community engagement to create lasting, positive change for vulnerable populations. His work emphasizes health equity, particularly in access to quality healthcare and caregiving, ensuring that older adults receive the support they need to thrive.

[Register Now!](#)

Public Health Partnership Conference

The Public Health Partnership Conference will be held in-person in 2025. The event will be held in Ithaca, NY April 30 – May 2, 2025. NYSARH and our partners (New York State Association of County Health Officials and New York State Public Health Association) are working hard to plan an event that will bring you an exciting, informative and educational experience as we join our public health colleagues in-person.

Book Your Hotel Today!

Reservation Deadline: March 31, 2025

For Attendees:

- Booking Code: **NYANYAA**

[2025 NYS Public Health Partnership Conference Attendees Reservation Link](#)

For Vendors:

- Booking Code: **NYVNYVA**

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***Attendee event registration will be available in January.**



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THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL HEALTH

NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan 2018-2023 Final Progress Report

The 2018-2023 NYS Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan was created by the Consortium and is meant as a guide to identify and address the cancer burden in NYS. The Plan serves as a framework for the Consortium, professionals and interested parties as they engage in actions and initiatives to ease the burden of cancer in local communities and across the state.



Upcoming events

- Join us for rural health webinar **Jan 16th 1pm Est** with guest speaker Micheal Dorris, Jurisdiction Affairs at National Government Services, Inc. Register Today! <https://nysarh.wildapricot.org/event-5977256>
- Please join the NYSARH Policy Committee for an informative **member only** virtual forum with other New York State Associations identifying their key issues for the NYS Legislative Session including both budget and policy issues on **Jan 15th 2pm Est**. Each Association will give a brief presentation followed by time for questions and discussion with NYSARH participants. Register Now! <https://nysarh.wildapricot.org/event-5977900>
- Save the Date!: Age-Friendly Rural Communities Summit: **April 29, 2024**. NYSARH, in partnership with the NYS Office for Aging, AARP-NY, and the NYS Alzheimer's Association Chapters, will host a one-day summit focused on supporting older adults in rural New York.
 - Key goals:
 - Share promising practices for age-friendly rural efforts.
 - Discuss the New York State Master Plan on Aging and its impact on rural communities.

HRSA Recognizes World AIDS Day

HRSA comes together to honor World AIDS Day 2024.



In commemoration of World AIDS Day, HRSA announced a record-breaking 90.6 percent of people with HIV receiving medical care through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program are virally suppressed, exceeding national viral suppression rates.

Viral suppression means people with HIV taking their medication cannot sexually transmit HIV and can live longer and healthier lives.

Check out the new 2023 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program By the Numbers data infographic highlighting the impact of HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

Funding Opportunity



REACHING RURAL

The Reaching Rural Initiative is a one-year initiative. Over the course of the year, the selected individuals and teams will receive coaching and participate in skill-building workshops as well as virtual and in-person learning experiences. The Reaching Rural Initiative is designed for rural agency leaders or mid-level professionals working in counties, cities, or tribes as justice, public safety, public health, or behavioral health practitioners. Applicants may apply to participate in the Reaching Rural initiative as an individual practitioner or as a member of a cross-sector team from the same community or region.

[Learn More](#)

***The deadline for applying is December 16, 2024, at 5:00 p.m., ET.**