

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented disruption to the normal operating procedures of local health departments (LHDs) and their partners. Understandably, capacity has been shifted as public health staff work to arrest the spread of the virus and keep a worried public up to date as they are confronted with confusing mix of official announcements, news reports, and misinformation.

Unfortunately, the necessity for overdose prevention and response has not abated during the pandemic. Indeed, the substance use community faces increased risk as support services shutter or slow down operations, hospitals face severely increased caseloads, and people who use drugs are asked to socially distance from their support or safety groups.

Many LHDs have reached out to NACCHO for resources related to the pandemic and guidance about how to ensure their overdose response work can continue safely. Below is a curated list of resources for LHDs, the public, clinicians, harm reduction workers, and people who use drugs.

Please refer additional resource requests to [opioidepidemic@naccho.org](mailto:opioidepidemic@naccho.org) and we will attempt to assist you as soon as possible.

- General Resources for LHDs and the Public
  - [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
  - [SAMHSA COVID-19 Homepage](https://www.samhsa.gov/2k19)
    - [SAMHSA Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health during the Pandemic](https://www.samhsa.gov/2k19/taking-care-of-your-behavioral-health-during-the-pandemic)
  - [CDC COVID-19 Homepage](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)
  - [ASTHO Top Questions and Answers](https://www.astho.org/Top-Questions-and-Answers)
- [CMS Partner Toolkit](#)
  - Includes information targeted at:
    - The public
    - Those who work with the public, including specific guidance for working with high risk groups, faith-based communities, and rural communities
    - Medicare beneficiaries
    - Caregivers or those working in care settings
    - Clinicians
    - Health plans and states
- [Public Health Awakened and The Spirit of 1848 COVID-19 Resources](#)
- Harm Reduction Resources for Staff and SUD clients
  - [SAMHSA MAT Homepage](https://www.samhsa.gov/mat)
  - [ASAM COVID-19 Resources](#)
  - [TAP 34: Disaster Planning Handbook for Behavioral Health Treatment Programs](#)
  - [Syringe Services and Harm Reduction Provider Operations During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
  - [NIDA: Potential Implications for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders](#)
  - [Safer Drug Use During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
  - [Guidance for People Who Use Substances on COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\)](#)
  - [Connections App for People in Recovery](#)
- Telemedicine
  - [CMS Fact Sheet on Telemedicine and COVID-19](#)
  - [CMS Full COVID-19 Telemedicine toolkit](#)
  - [NCBH Best Practices for Telehealth During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)

- First Responders and LE
  - [Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points \(PSAPs\) for COVID-19 in the United States](#)
  - [What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
  - [DEA Diversion Control Division Homepage](#)
- Equity/Justice Focused Resources
  - [PH Professional Crowdsourced Database](#)