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Rural Health and COVID-19



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Featured Speakers



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Department of Agriculture



Jeff Colyer, Chair, National Advisory
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Upcoming Opportunities

- Rural HIV Planning Grants
- Rural Network Planning Grants
- Rural Residency Development Grants
- New Tele-Mentoring Program
- COVID-19 Tribal Grants
- Rural Care Coordination
- Rural Community Opioids Response Planning and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
- Outreach
- Website:

- <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/index.html>

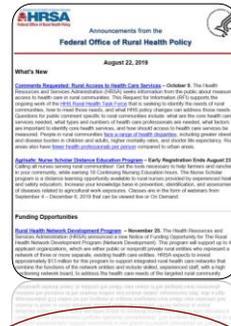
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Rural Health and COVID-19 Webinar


USDA Rural Development
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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USDA programs/initiatives that support healthy behavior choices

- **Child and Family Development** supports efforts that take a holistic, life-span approach to promoting healthy physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development for individuals and families.
- **4-H & Positive Youth Development:** programs engage youth within their communities, schools, organizations, peer groups, and families in a manner that is productive and constructive. It promotes positive outcomes by providing opportunities, fostering positive relationships and furnishing the support needed to build on their leadership strengths.
- **Obesity Prevention & Healthy Weight Programs:** identifies nutritional needs; develops new foods to help achieve caloric balance; providing nutrition education; conducting behavioral research; and planning, conducting, and evaluating dietary interventions.
- **Children, Youth and Families at Risk** provide resources to Land-Grant University System and Cooperative Extension Systems so that they can develop and deliver educational programs that equip at-risk youth with the skills they need.
- **WIC Telehealth Innovations Project** to develop, test, and evaluate cutting-edge technology to improve delivery of nutrition education to pregnant women and caregivers of young children participating in USDA's WIC Program.

USDA programs that support access to health care

- [Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network \(FRSAN\)](#) established a network that connects individuals who are engaged in farming, ranching, and other agriculture-related occupations to stress assistance programs to improve behavioral health awareness.
- [Distance Learning and Telemedicine program](#) helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.
- [Reconnect Loan and Grant Program](#) furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas.
- [Community Connect Grants](#) program helps fund broadband deployment into rural communities where it is not yet economically viable for private sector providers to deliver service.
- [Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program](#) provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Examples of essential facilities include Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities,
- [Business and Industry \(B&I\) Guaranteed Loan Program](#) is a loan guarantee program designed to assist credit-worthy rural businesses obtain needed credit for most any legal business purpose.

USDA programs helping to address the social and economic factors that impact health care

- [NIFA Workforce Development Program](#) promotes employability and provide workers and entrepreneurs with the skills and training necessary to meet the evolving needs of rural businesses, communities and new markets.
- [Economic Impact Initiative Grants](#) provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.
- [Rural Business Development Grants](#) provides technical assistance and training for small rural businesses.
- [Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program](#) provides low-income seniors with access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey and herbs.
- [Child and Adult Care Food Program](#) provides reimbursements for nutritious meals and snacks to eligible children and adults who are enrolled for care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers.
- [The Regional Rural Development Centers](#) link the research and educational outreach capacity of the nation's public universities with communities to help address a wide range of development issues.
- [Intermediary Re-lending program](#) this program provides 1 % low-interest loans to local lenders that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create jobs in rural communities.
- [Homeownership Programs](#) provides low interest, fixed-rate homeownership loans to qualified persons..

A snapshot of USDA COVID-19 resources

- [Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer \(EBT\)](#) a new program authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act (FFCRA) that provides assistance to families of children eligible for free or reduced-price meals dealing with school closures.
- [Feeding Program Partnership in Response to COVID-19](#) collaboration with the Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty, McLane Global, PepsiCo, and others to deliver nearly 1,000,000 meals to students in a limited number of rural schools closed due to COVID-19.
- [Meals for Kids Site Finder](#) - an online tool to help families find meals for children while schools are closed during the coronavirus pandemic.
- [Farmers to Families Food Box](#) USDA is exercising authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute up to \$3 billion of agricultural products to those in need.
- [USDA COVID-19 Federal Rural Resources Guide](#): a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- [USDA Telehealth Service Changes Summary](#) to help interested parties understand the telehealth changes and explore new ways to support health care providers as they increase or transition to virtual care services.
- [USDA COVID-19 Information page](#) for the latest news from the CDC and USDA actions.
- [USDA Food and Nutrition COVID-19](#) information page.
- [USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) Resources For Partners page and [Extension Disaster Education Network](#).
- [USDA Rural Development COVID-19](#) response page.

Other USDA resources at your fingertips!

- USDA Rural Development Major Program Summary, [click here](#).
- USDA Rural Development Programs for Tribes, Tribal Families, Children, and Communities, [click here](#),

Substance Use Disorder Resources:

- USDA Opioid Misuse in Rural America Website: [click here](#)
- How can USDA help address the Opioid Epidemic: [infographic](#) and [resource matrix](#)
- Federal Rural Resources Guide: Substance Use Disorder, [click here](#)
- Rural Community Action Guide: Building Stronger, Healthy, Drug-Free Rural Communities, [click here](#).
- Opioid Misuse Community Assessment Tool: [click here](#)

Thank You!

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Thank you!

- Contact us at ruralhealthinfo.org with any questions
- Recording and transcript will be available on RHIhub website