

To expand access to vaccines and ensure equity in COVID-19 response in rural communities, the Health Resources and Services Administration is working with Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) across the nation to distribute vaccines, strengthen vaccine confidence, and to expand COVID-19 testing and mitigation efforts.

### RURAL HEALTH CLINIC COVID-19 TESTING AND MITIGATION PROGRAM ([RHCCTM](#))

Through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), over \$460 million provided to RHCs nationwide to maintain and increase COVID-19 testing efforts and expand access to COVID-19 testing and mitigation. Eligible CMS-certified RHCs received a one-time allocation of \$100,000 per RHC. As of October 2021, RHCCTM Program and the [Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing \(RHCCT\) Program](#) supported over 16.2 million COVID-19 tests in rural communities.

**OVER  
16.2 MILLION  
COVID-19 TESTS  
SUPPORTED**

#### RHCCTM Program Purpose

- [COVID-19 testing](#) –Viral tests (including at-home tests) and antibody tests
- [COVID-19 testing-related expenses](#) – Supplies to provide testing, personal protective equipment (PPE), workforce retention and hiring efforts, health care setting/facility retrofitting
- [COVID-19 mitigation](#) – Contact tracing, screening, post-COVID conditions management, community education, maintaining healthy environment
- [COVID-19 mitigation-related expenses](#) – Workforce retention and hiring, health care setting/facility retrofitting, digital technologies updates
- Visit the [HRSA RHCCTM Program website](#) for additional details, including important dates, allowable expenses, insurance and reimbursement, reporting, and payment process

#### RHCCTM Program Technical Assistance

HRSA has funded the [National Association of Rural Health Clinics \(NARHC\)](#) to provide participating RHCs one-on-one technical assistance.

- [Email HRSA](#)
- [Email NARHC](#)
- [HRSA Listserv](#)
- [NARHC Webinars](#)

## **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ([RHCVD](#))**

The RHCVD Program, developed in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, distributes COVID-19 vaccines directly to RHCs to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines.

### **RHCVD Program Purpose**

- Increase COVID-19 vaccine allocation in rural communities
- Provide COVID-19 vaccine, constituent products, and supplies at no cost
- Visit the [HRSA RHCVD Program website](#) for additional details

### **RHCVD Program Technical Assistance**

HRSA funded the [Georgia Health Policy Center \(GHPC\)](#) to provide RHCs one-on-one TA RHCs.

- [Email HRSA for TA referral](#)
- [GHPC Resources and Webinars](#)

## **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC VACCINE CONFIDENCE PROGRAM ([RHCVC](#))**

Through the ARPA, over \$97 million in grant funding provided to 1,975 CMS-certified RHCs across 44 states to strengthen vaccine confidence and counter vaccine hesitancy in rural communities. Each awardee received \$49,529 per RHC.

### **RHCVC Program Purpose**

- Reinforce key messages about prevention and treatment of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases
- Provide information to rural residents about why, where and how to get vaccinated
- Identify isolated and/or vaccine hesitant populations
- Visit the [HRSA RHCVC Program website](#) for additional details, including frequently asked questions, allowable expenses, important dates, and links to previous webinars

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1,975 RHCs**

### **RHCVC Program Technical Assistance**

HRSA has funded the [National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health](#) (NOSORH) to provide RHCs one-on-one technical assistance.

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