Webinar: Challenges and Opportunities for Community Health Centers in California During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Who Do Community Health Centers in California Serve?

By Race | Ethnicity

- **HISPANIC**: 54%
- **WHITE**: 9%
- **BLACK**: 6%
- **ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER**: 9%
- **MIXED RACE**: 2%
- **UNKNOWN**: 18%
- **1% NATIVE AMERICAN**: 1%

**PATIENTS**

7.2 MILLION

Source: California Primary Care Association, Community Health Centers 2019 State Profile. Available at https://www.c pca.org/CPCA/CPCA/About/CHC_Data.aspx
Community Health Centers in California: COVID-19 Response

Total patients tested: 79,032

Percentage who are non-white: 70%

Ability to test for COVID-19: 91%

Health centers conducting virtual visits:
- Telehealth visits grew from 1,029 to 20,705 (before vs. during COVID-19 crisis)
- Phone visits grew from 0 to 107,218 (before vs. during COVID-19 crisis)


California Health Care Foundation
Impact of COVID-19 on Community Health Centers in California

232 Community health centers sites closed

That’s 20% of all community health center sites

Source: 2020 CPCA Financial Survey for California Health Centers and 2018 Uniform Data System
Community Health Centers in California: Emerging Issues

- Diving deeper on racial health disparities and systemic racism in health care
- Ongoing need for telehealth
- Anticipated increase in demand due to loss of health coverage
- Need to enroll people in health coverage
- Increased need for personal protective equipment due to reopening
- Ongoing need for COVID-19 testing capacity at health centers
- Consideration of different payment models for health centers
- Reinventing and reimagining care in order to maintain access to high quality health care
Panelists

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