

Health Centers Fight COVID-19

Community health centers (CHCs) serve everyone who seeks health services regardless of insurance coverage, immigration status, or ability to pay. CHCs provide care in medically underserved communities that have long been adversely impacted by systemic racism and generational poverty, leading to long term health disparities that have been exacerbated by COVID-19.

CHCs across the State are reliable partners in distributing the COVID-19 vaccine, trusted by their patients and communities.

- More than 76,000 vaccine doses administered since December



CHCs serve individuals who are most at risk for severe and long-term complications due to COVID-19.

- 89% low income, living under 200% FPL
- 71% Black, Indigenous, or other People of Color
- 29% speak limited English
- 15% uninsured
- 10% aged 65+
- 4% homeless
- Nearly 200,000 patients with asthma or COPD
- More than 425,000 patients with heart disease or hypertension
- 180,000+ patients with diabetes
- Nearly 30,000 patients living with HIV

CHCs are critical assets for ensuring that all corners of the State have access to comprehensive COVID-19 prevention and treatment.

- 350,000+ Tests Administered since 2020
- Right: COVID tests administered at health centers, November 2020 – February 2021



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