

Rural Health Clinic (RHC) COVID-19 Programs

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. This infographic provides information on the three RHC COVID-19 Programs and helps RHCs identify eligible activities within each program.



Testing and Mitigation (RHCCTM)

Maintain and increase COVID-19 testing efforts and expand access to COVID-19 testing and mitigation activities in rural communities.



Vaccine Confidence (RHCVC)

Improve vaccine confidence in rural communities.



Vaccine Distribution (RHCVD)

Deliver COVID-19 vaccines directly to RHCs to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines in rural communities.

Potential RHC COVID-19 Program Activities†

	RHCCTM	RHCVC	RHCVD
COVID-19 vaccine	No	No	Yes
Buy freezer/refrigerator	Yes	No	No
Patient gift card for COVID-19 vaccination	No	Yes	No
Buy and distribute at-home COVID-19 tests	Yes	No	No
Buy and distribute facemasks	Yes	Yes	No
Public service announcement (TV, radio, web)*	No	Yes	No
Buy/rent digital signage/billboard*	Yes	Yes	No
Hire providers and staff*	Yes	Yes	No
Staff retention payments/hiring bonuses*	Yes	No	No
Staff transportation*	Yes	Yes	No
Staff childcare, temporary housing	Yes	No	No
Patient transportation*	Yes	Yes	No
Patient childcare costs*	No	Yes	No
Buy/rent/operate mobile unit/vehicle*	Yes	Yes	No
Buy/rent tent*	Yes	Yes	No
Buy sharps disposal containers	Yes	No	No
Contact tracing costs	Yes	No	No
COVID-19 literacy flyers, buttons, pens, signs, etc.	Yes	Yes	No
Social media campaign*	No	Yes	No
Retrofit facilities for infection control	Yes	No	No
Update HVAC system, HEPA filtration, UVGI fixtures	Yes	No	No
Install self-closing devices on doors	Yes	No	No
Remove carpet and install sheet vinyl flooring	Yes	No	No
Replace upholstered seating with vinyl seating	Yes	No	No
Patient self-scheduling technology	Yes	Yes	No
Telehealth network integration software, equipment, services*	Yes	Yes	No
Long COVID support	Yes	No	No



†including, but not limited to

*for applicable RHC Program COVID-19 efforts