

COVID-19 and Equity

As has been reported by multiple news outlets, COVID-19 is killing people of color at disproportionately high rates. For example, in Illinois the proportion of the population that identify as African American is 14% [but the death rate among African Americans is 42%](#)⁷. This is due in large part to the fact that the stressors of systemic racism cause health conditions like diabetes, lung disease, asthma, and high blood pressure, all of which make COVID-19 more dangerous. Over the years you have heard us talk about the impact of health disparities, usually in the context of reproductive health. While COVID-19 is not a reproductive health issue, it is highlighting the importance of doing all we can to eliminate health disparities.

[The Center for Urban and Racial Equity](#)⁷ has created a hub of resources to ensure that communities who have been historically marginalized receive accurate information and necessary care. Please see the [Equitable Community Response Common](#)⁷ for resources on topics ranging from Coronavirus testing to unemployment.

And for a breakdown of Oregon's COVID cases by demographics, see the [April 7th COVID-19 Weekly Report](#)⁷.

Toolkits from the Family Planning National Training Center (FPNTC)

What Family Planning Providers Can Do to Meet Client Needs During COVID-19

The FPNTC created this toolkit to help family planning providers meet their clients' needs while keeping themselves and their clients safe. It covers topics like reducing in-person visit exposure, ensuring family planning needs continue to be met, keeping staff and clients safe on site, and more.

See [What Family Planning Providers Can Do to Meet Client Needs During COVID-19](#)⁷

COVID-19 Social Media Toolkit for Family Planning Providers

This toolkit provides sample social media content and images that family planning clinics can use to communicate important information about the availability of, and changes to services.

See [COVID-19 Social Media Toolkit for Family Planning Providers](#)⁷

Telehealth Resources from National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA)

As clinics move to providing more telehealth services to ensure the safety of their staff and clients, NFPRHA has two new resources to help reproductive health clinics navigate the telehealth world.

[Initiating Telehealth in Response to COVID-19: Initial Considerations and Resources](#)⁷

[Initiating Telehealth in Response to COVID-19: Coding and Billing for Telehealth Services](#)⁷

Health Equity

Gender Support Checklist for Transgender and Non-Binary Students

This checklist, developed by [Welcoming Schools](#)⁷, is meant to help schools be gender inclusive. It includes questions like “What name will the student use?” to “Does this student have affirming family members?” While this resource is designed for schools, it can be adapted for any environment.

See the [Checklist](#)⁷

LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Best Practice Webinars

The National LGBT Health Education Center has multiple archived webinars on best practices for making your practice LGBTQIA+ inclusive. Topics include Caring for Sexual Minority Women, Insurance Considerations for Navigating Gender-affirming Care, and more.

See the range of [webinars](#)⁷

BrdsNBz Text Line

This text line provides confidential, medically-accurate and affirming information for questions about sexual health and related topics. It is sponsored by the American Sexual Health Association, and is an especially good resource for young people.

Learn more about the [BrdsNBz Text Line](#)[↗]

Trainings

Updated RH Program Trainings

Our enrollment trainings, for both RH Program clinics and CCare-only clinics, are (finally) updated to include the new-ish guidance for clients who claim Eligible Immigration Status. The trainings are available on the [Provider Trainings](#)[↗] and the [Client Enrollment](#)[↗] pages.

	RH Program clinics	CCare-only Clinics
Enrollment Form	Video [↗] Slides [↗]	Video [↗] Slides [↗]
Eligibility Database	Video [↗] Slides [↗]	Video [↗] Slides [↗]

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