



APIC COVID-19 and Flu Resource Corner

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In collaboration with the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF), APIC is disseminating COVID-19 and Influenza-related resources to increase vaccination coverage at the national level. See below for relevant resources and distribute them throughout your communities.

The [National Tongan American Society](#) has set up a fundraiser for those affected by the tsunami in Tonga. Click [here to donate](#).

Happy Lunar New Year! APIAHF has [created graphics on tips for gathering safely](#).

COVID -19 Resources

Moderna gets full [FDA approval](#)

“The Food and Drug Administration approved a second COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine; the approved vaccine will be marketed as Spikevax for the prevention of COVID-19 in individuals 18 years of age and older.

Key points:

- Spikevax meets the FDA’s rigorous standards for safety, effectiveness and manufacturing quality required for approval.
- Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under emergency use authorization (EUA) for individuals 18 years of age and older since Dec. 18, 2020.”

Free N95 Masks

Free masks can be picked up at participating [health centers](#) and [pharmacies](#), a limit of 3 masks.

COVID-19 Home Testing

COVID-19 self-tests can be ordered at <https://www.covidtests.gov/>, 4 per household. Those with private insurance can have up to 8 tests per individual (covered on plan) reimbursed or covered at point of purchase. Full factsheet can be found [here](#).

- [Multilingual testing guides](#)
- You can also call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489) to get help in English, Spanish, and more than 150 other languages – 8am to midnight ET, 7 days a week.
- The [Disability Information and Access Line](#) is also available to specifically help people with disabilities place their orders. To get help, call 1-888-677-1199, Monday-Friday from 9AM to 8PM ET, or email DIAL@usaginganddisability.org.
- Those with private insurance can have up to 8 tests per individual (covered on plan) reimbursed or covered at point of purchase. Full factsheet can be found [here](#).
- American College Health Association: [FAQs on How Students Can Order Their Free At-Home Test Kits](#)

[Toolkit to support Children and Youth Emotional Wellbeing during the pandemic](#)

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has developed a [toolkit](#) to help children and youth learn to cope with stress now and as they grow into adulthood, challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CDC's weekly [Vaccine Confidence Report](#), [Morbidity and Mortality Report](#), and [COVID-19 Science Update](#)

BOOSTER SHOTS INFORMATION

APIAHF [Booster Shot FAQ](#) (more translations to come!)

Booster Shots [expanded to ages 16+](#)

[“Made to Save” FAQ](#) on Booster Shots

Events

- **Wednesday, February 9 from 1:00-2:00 pm PT / 4:00-5:00 pm ET**

STAT Communications Community of Practice webinar

Communicating with children about Covid-19

Register [here](#).

- **Thursday, February 17 at 10 am PT / 1 pm ET**

Made to Save Black History Month Panel

In honor of Black History Month, Made to Save is hosting a conversation with Black community leaders and medical experts about lessons they have learned as they work with local communities to get access to information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Register [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- **Launch of The Mercury Project, a three-year, \$10 million investment to support research to quantify the costs and harms of mis- and disinformation, and identify new tools to reduce its impact.** They are accepting initial letters of inquiry on a rolling basis from now through May 1, 2022. Applicants are encouraged to submit their letters as soon as possible, and successful applicants are invited to submit a full proposal.

This pandemic has revealed the real and physical risks that mis- and disinformation in our media environment pose to us all. Currently we lack knowledge about cost-effective interventions that may be able to counter the effects of mis- and dis-information, and support the uptake of reliable and accurate information. But evidence, data, and collaboration are cornerstones to solving many of society's global issues, and the researchers in The Mercury Project consortium will lay the groundwork to improve public health now and for decades to come.

The Mercury Project will fund projects based in the United States, Africa, Asia, and Latin America for up to three years and will, for the first time, connect organizations fighting public health misinformation on five continents and provide an opportunity to share resources and communicate best practices. A significant part of the program will include annual international convenings of grantees, other researchers, and leaders in policy and technology to develop joint recommendations that advance global public health.

Find more information at <https://www.ssrc.org/programs/the-mercury-project/>

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Evidence for Action: Innovative Research to Advance Racial Equity**

Evidence for Action prioritizes research to evaluate specific interventions (e.g., policies, programs, practices) that have the potential to counteract the harms of structural and systemic racism and improve health, well-being, and equity outcomes. We are concerned both with the direct impacts of structural racism on the health and well-being of people and communities of color (e.g., Black, Latina/o/x, Indigenous, Asian, Pacific Islander people, and other races and ethnicities)—as well as the ways in which racism intersects with other forms of marginalization, such as having low income, being an immigrant, having a disability, or identifying as LGBTQ+ or a gender minority.

This funding is focused on studies about upstream causes of health inequities, such as the systems, structures, laws, policies, norms, and practices that determine the distribution of resources and opportunities, which in turn influence individuals' options and behaviors. Research should center on the needs and experiences of communities exhibiting the greatest health burdens and be motivated by real-world priorities. It should be able to inform a specific course of action and/or establish beneficial practices, not stop at characterizing or documenting the extent of a problem.

E4A seeks grantees who are deeply committed to conducting rigorous and equitable research and ensuring that their findings are actionable in the real world. In addition to research funding, RWJF also supports grantees with stakeholder engagement, dissemination of findings, and other activities that can enhance their projects' potential to "move the needle" on health and racial equity. Only through intentional and collaborative efforts to disrupt racism and translate research to action can we hope to build a more just and equitable society and a Culture of Health.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Applicants will generally receive notice within six to nine weeks of applying as to whether they are invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will be due two months from the date of notification. Funding recommendations will generally be made within eight weeks of receipt of the full proposal. In circumstances when a research opportunity is time sensitive, reviews may be expedited. An explanation of the time-sensitive nature of the research should be included in the LOI application.

Click [here](#) for more information.

- **RADx-UP CDCC Community Collaboration Mini-Grant Program**

The CDCC's Community Collaboration Mini-Grant Program seeks to support the inclusion of additional community partners and stakeholder groups who are not currently part of the RADx-UP program through CDCC subawards.

Engagement in the evaluation and adoption of established and new diagnostic tests by the communities adversely affected by COVID-19 is critical to reducing the disease burden in the United States. This program will provide CDCC subawards (hereinafter referred to as "mini-grants") to increase the capacity for COVID-19 testing expertise within the community. Increasing training, education, communication, information dissemination, and capacity building related to COVID-19 testing, isolation, contact tracing, among others, in communities will increase our ability to decrease COVID-19 transmission and save lives.

For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Job Postings

[Community Engagement Coordinator or Manager](#) (Currently remote but will report to Oakland, CA or Washington DC office when we return)

[Public Health Institute Program Associate](#) (Bay Area, California)

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