How STD, HIV, Hepatitis, TB Programs Can Help the COVID-19 Response

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Goals

• Epidemiology & Lab Capacity (ELC) Funding
• Role for STDs, HIV, Hepatitis & TB
• Status of Contact Tracing
• Community Engagement Strategies
• Key Resources
Overview of ELC Money

• $10.25 billion allocated to CDC for COVID-19 response
  – Testing
  – Contact Tracing
  – Surveillance
  – Public Health Infrastructure

• Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) cooperative agreement
ELC Grantees

• Typically sit within the Infectious Disease sections of Health Departments
• Sometimes same section with STD, HIV and Hepatitis, sometimes separate
Deadlines and Funding

- Testing plan for May and June: **Due May 30**
- Testing plan for July- Dec 2020: **Due June 15**
- Workplans and Budgets: **Due June 16**

- Funding has already been allocated
- Funding ranges from $750,000 (Cherokee Nation) to $3.5 M (Palau) to $807 M (NYC)
• COVID-19 Testing
• Partnerships
• Workforce: Contact Tracing
• Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Supervision
• Technology and Informatics
History of Contact Tracing

• First outlined in the late 1930s as key public health strategy to fight syphilis
• Key to COVID-19 control
• Requires training, supervision, and access to social and medical support for patients and contacts.
• Community health workers: part of the communities they serve
Community Engagement Strategies

• Limited time
• Governors/state/local health officers key decision makers
• Propose community solutions/cultural competency and humility skills
Key Resources


• Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)/National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) Contact Tracer training: learn.astho.org.

• National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD): www.ncsddc.org/resource/covid-command-center-for-std-programs/.

• Vital Strategies Contact Tracing Playbook: contacttracingplaybook.resolvetosavelives.org.
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