

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

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/open-america/contact-tracing.html.
- 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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