

To expand access and ensure equity in COVID-19 response in rural communities, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is working with Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) across the nation to distribute vaccines, strengthen vaccine confidence, expand COVID-19 testing and mitigation efforts, and ensure access to COVID-19 antiviral medications.

### **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS PROGRAM ([RHCTH](#))**

The Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Therapeutics Program provides access to COVID-19 oral antiviral medications (i.e., therapeutics) to eligible CMS-certified RHCs. The Program supplements state and jurisdictional allocations of COVID-19 antiviral medications to ensure equitable access. Distribution sites are subject to state scope of practice guidelines.

#### **RHC COVID-19 Therapeutics Program Technical Assistance**

HRSA funded the [National Association of Rural Health Clinics \(NARHC\)](#) to provide participating RHCs technical assistance support.

- [Email HRSA for Program Information](#)
- [Email NARHC for technical assistance](#)
- [NARHC RHC Therapeutics Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

### **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC COVID-19 TESTING SUPPLY PROGRAM ([RHCCTS](#))**

The Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing Supply Program provides free COVID-19 testing supplies to CMS-certified RHCs. RHCs choosing to participate receive direct shipments of COVID-19 testing supplies to distribute in their communities.

Supplies available through this program include:

- At-home self-test kits
- Point-of-care testing supplies (POC)
- Other COVID-19 specific supplies such as N95 masks, as available

**OVER 1800 RHCs  
PARTICIPATING IN  
COVID-19 DISTRIBUTION  
PROGRAMS**

#### **RHCCTS Program Technical Assistance**

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- [Email HRSA for Program Information](#)
- [Email NARHC for technical assistance](#)
- [NARHC Testing Supply Program Webpage](#)

### **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ([RHCVD](#))**

The RHCVD Program, developed in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, distributes COVID-19 vaccines directly to RHCs to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines and constituent products and supplies in rural communities at no cost.

- Visit the [HRSA RHCVD Program website](#) for additional details

### **RHCVD Program Technical Assistance**

HRSA previously funded the [Georgia Health Policy Center \(GHPC\)](#) to provide RHCs one-on-one technical assistance.

- [Email HRSA for Technical Assistance](#)
- Previous [GHPC Resources and Webinars](#)

### **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC COVID-19 TESTING AND MITIGATION PROGRAM (RHCCTM)**

Through the American Rescue Plan, HRSA provided over \$460 million provided to RHCs nationwide to maintain and increase COVID-19 testing efforts and expand access to COVID-19 testing and mitigation. Eligible CMS-certified RHCs received a one-time allocation of \$100,000 per RHC beginning in June 2021. As of October 2022, the RHCCTM Program and the previous [Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Testing \(RHCCT\) Program, first funded in May 2020, have](#) supported over 29 million COVID-19 tests in rural communities.

### **RHCCTM Program Allowable Expenses**

- [COVID-19 testing-related expenses](#) – Supplies to provide testing, personal protective equipment (PPE), workforce retention and hiring efforts, health care setting/facility retrofitting
- [COVID-19 mitigation](#) – Contact tracing, screening, post-COVID conditions management, community education, maintaining healthy environment
- [COVID-19 mitigation-related expenses](#) – Workforce retention and hiring, health care setting/facility retrofitting, digital technologies updates
- [COVID-19 testing](#) – Viral tests (including at-home tests) and antibody tests
- Visit the [HRSA RHCCTM Program website](#) for additional details, including important dates, allowable expenses, insurance and reimbursement, reporting, and payment process

### **RHCCTM Program Technical Assistance**

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- [Subscribe to the RHCCTM HRSA Listserv](#)
- [View Previous NARHC RHCCTM Webinars](#)

### **RURAL HEALTH CLINIC VACCINE CONFIDENCE PROGRAM (RHCVC)**

Through the American Rescue Plan, HRSA provided over \$97 million in grant funding to 1,975 CMS-certified RHCs across 44 states to strengthen vaccine confidence in rural communities. Each recipient received \$49,529 per RHC.

### **RHCVC Program Purpose**

- Reinforce key messages about prevention and treatment of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases
- Provide information to rural residents about why, where, and how to get vaccinated
- Identify isolated and/or vaccine hesitant populations
- Provide education and outreach efforts around vaccine benefits and safety
- Visit the [HRSA RHCVC Program website](#) for additional details, including frequently asked questions, allowable expenses, important dates, and links to previous webinars

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**RHCVC Program Technical Assistance**

HRSA funded the [National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health](#) (NOSORH) to provide RHCs one-on-one technical assistance.

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