



# CHAP Weekly Update

May 7, 2021

## Wrapping Up!

### 55th CHA/P Weekly COVID Teleconference

Thank you for participating in our year-long series of CHA/P Weekly COVID Teleconferences!

We will now be taking a summer break. Watch Facebook and our Website for a potential return in the fall.

These teleconferences were funded by a grant from the CDC and were enriched by our partnership with the State / UAA ECHO (Thank you!)

### Updates from ANTHC's CHAP Training Center

#### We have moved!

**From:** The Consortium Office Building

**To:** The Education and Development Center (4115 Ambassador Drive)

Stop by to see our new Training Center next time you are in Anchorage!



### Integrated Care Forum for Alaska's Health Aides

- Continuing Education for CHA/Ps (virtual this year)
- Every Thursday/Friday, 5/6 through 5/21
- Check out the agenda and get registration information on our [website](#).

### Toolkit for Influenza Vaccines

It is never too early to start thinking about the next Flu season!

We received a grant from the CDC to develop a number of region-specific [videos and graphics](#) that are available for your use.

Example: [Take the Shot](#)

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### Watch for these CHAM Updates

- Emergency
- Female Reproductive
- Birth control
- Sexual Assault/Abuse -- moving to the Emergency chapter
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- End of Life Comfort Care
- Well Child, School-Aged Children and Teens
- Ear
- Immunization update



### CHA/P on Facebook



Check out news stories, information and accomplishments of Health Aides around the state. See and share photos of our program and people.

Community Health Aide/Practitioner Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/AlaskaCommunityHealthAidesPractitioners](http://www.facebook.com/groups/AlaskaCommunityHealthAidesPractitioners)

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Ellen Hodges (YK) and Dr. Mark Peterson (Norton Sound) who joined us almost every week and provided updates about their regions.

Also, thanks to each of you who provided stories, questions and comments every week.



Let us know what you think! aka-[CHAPCOVID-19weeklyupdates@anthc.org](mailto:CHAPCOVID-19weeklyupdates@anthc.org)

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## All Things COVID-19:

## Vaccine Confidence

### More to Learn

- Long Hauler (“PASC – Post Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2”)
- Vaccines for Children (The Pfizer vaccine received a EUA for children 12-15!)
- Will we need Boosters?

### Staying Current

- CHA/P CE courses – updated regularly on the [ANTHC Distance Learning Network](#)
- [UAA / State of Alaska’s ECHO for Health Professionals](#) (Thursdays at 12pm)
- On-going CHAM updates

## Vaccine and Covid-19 Statistics

### Alaska Vaccine Numbers

- 46% are fully vaccinated
- 539,149 total doses administered
- Parents of kids age 12 to 15 wishing to make an appointment may do so once the CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations are final, which is expected at 2 PM on May 12.
- More information at [Coronavirus.dhss.alaska.gov](https://coronavirus.dhss.alaska.gov)



### Alaska COVID-19 Cases

- Alaska cases as of May 11, 2021: 68,559
  - Alaska COVID-19 deaths: 332
  - Alaska average daily cases: 13.4 per 100,000 people
- COVID is still spreading, but slowly



### Alaska COVID-19 Information Hub

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Alaskan health care providers describe emerging attitudes toward vaccination in their regions. People generally fell into three groups:

#### “Eager” Group:

Includes people eager to get the vaccine, watching and waiting for their opportunity. Almost all of them have now been vaccinated.



#### “Want Convenience” Group:

Includes people planning to get the vaccine, but wanting convenient locations and/or times.

Regions have accommodated their needs by offering vaccines through both appointment and walk-in clinics, expanding sites to include stores, post offices, city halls, airports, and home visits. These strategies have been successful and many people in this group have received their vaccines.

#### “Hesitant / Need convincing” Group:

This group includes people who are not planning to get the vaccine. Common reasons include concerns about safety and efficacy. Many concerns are based on rumors and myths that circulate through communities and social media.



This group includes people who have not yet been impacted by COVID-19 (villages with very few cases or few bad cases). Vaccination seems less important to them than in villages that have experienced multiple deaths from COVID-19.

As more people they know get vaccinated, hesitant people grow more comfortable with the idea of being vaccinated.