

April 2021

Consortium of African American Public Health Programs Monthly Newsletter

CAAPHP Program Announcements

**The next CAAPHP Business Meeting will be held on
April 20th from 12pm to 1pm EST.**



Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Health Equity Internship Program



**BCU has an MPH student within the
2021 Spring Cohort focused on
Health Disparities of COVID-19:**



Aurora Sullivan is placed with Ethan Johnson, MPH in Volusia, Florida with an internship project that focuses on Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Morbidity and Mortality.

For information on the Fall 2021 Health Equity Internship Program, click [here](#).

CAAPHP Member Spotlight

The Jackson State University Master of Public Health prepares students at Jackson State University to become competent practitioners in different areas of public health including behavioral health promotion and education, epidemiology, and health policy and management. The Program provides students with a master's experience that is multidisciplinary, problem-centered, fully engaged, and integrative of the diverse elements needed in the education of the public health practitioner. The M.P.H. program at Jackson State University serves both full-time and part-time student with full-time students usually completing the curriculum in two and a half years. Part-time usually requires two additional semesters.

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Click **here** to visit Jackson State University's Public Health Department.



National Events and Educational Opportunities

April is National Minority Health Month

Be Vaccine Ready

COVID-19 has had a disproportionate impact on racial and ethnic minority groups in the United States. It is extremely important that these communities who are more susceptible to this virus are getting vaccinated. Below are COVID-19 resources provided by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) and the Office of Minority Health to encourage being vaccine ready.

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall](#)
- [Audio Interview: Vaccine Hesitancy in African Americans](#)
- [Debunking Misinformation about COVID-19 and vaccines](#)
- [Health Equity, COVID-19 and Minority Groups](#)



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NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK
Building Bridges to Better Health

April 5-11 2021

National Public Health Week

April 5th through 11th is **National Public Health Week**. The theme for 2021 is **Building Bridges to Better Health**. NPHW will be completely virtual this year. Be sure to check out sessions and events [here](#) to prepare.

Each day of National Public Health Week will focus on a particular public health topic in order to identify ways to create the healthiest nation. Click [here](#) to see the NPHW daily themes, fact sheets and resources.

Here are a few featured sessions and events at #NPHW2021
[04/08 Communities of Color and Vaccines](#)

- The Oklahoma Public Health Association will have a panel discussion on the history of vaccines, the influence vaccinations have on communities of color and some common misconceptions on vaccines. Register [Here](#)

[04/09 Maternal Health: Professions, Problems and Possibilities](#)

- Learn More about career options and opportunities from professionals practicing in different areas of Maternal Health. Register [Here](#)



NPHW

APHA Policy Action Institute



Registration for the Policy Action Institute is open! Join us for this exciting two-day virtual event **April 8 & 9** during National Public Health Week. #SpeakForHealth

More
Information



SOPHE2021dX Annual Conference is being hosted April 6-9.

[Click here for more
information.](#)

News and Updates

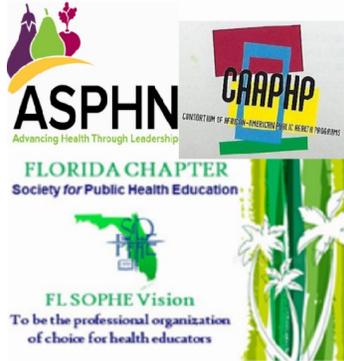
MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTION COVID-19 SYMPOSIUM

In conjunction with Florida Society for Public Health
Education and Consortium of African American
Public Health Programs

Wednesday, April 14, 2021
3 PM – 6 PM EST

COVID-19 Internship Cohort Presentations

Florida A&M University
Bethune-Cookman University
Florida International University



[Register Here](#)

HIV Prevention Research Module/HBCU Initiative

The Legacy Project (Legacy), a national initiative housed within the Office of HIV/AIDS Network Coordination (HANC), seeks to increase awareness of and build support for HIV prevention and treatment clinical and behavioral research by addressing factors that influence participation of historically underrepresented communities. As part of their commitment to HIV prevention, Legacy has developed an online training curriculum to educate young adults (and their medical providers) on the numerous methods available for the prevention of HIV – Be the Generation to End the AIDS Epidemic (BTG) **HIV Prevention Research (HPR) Training Module**. A representative will present a presentation at the CAAPHP Monthly Business meeting on April 20th.

With the HPR curriculum as the center of the discourse, Legacy in partnership with and Drs. Kenric Ware and Lance Okeke and the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) HBCU Program, will focus on the following:

- Develop campus-specific strategies to address the gap in knowledge about

HIV acquisition and prevention on HBCU college campuses.

- Discuss HIV prevention educational opportunities at HBCUs through academic and community-based partnerships.
- Solicit and incorporate suggestions on how the HPR module can be better tailored to HBCU audiences, including campus-specific recommendations.
- Engage with HBCU course directors around expansion of HPR training module deliveries to wider HBCU student audiences.

For more information regarding this initiative, please email Russell Campbell at rcampbel@fredhutch.org



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S
UNIVERSITY
Transform. Excel. Lead.

Saint Augustine's University partnered with WakeMed's Health Equity team and hosted a vaccination event on March 20th.

Approximately, 1,500 people were vaccinated and the majority of the participants were African American and Hispanic. 40 physicians and healthcare professionals served as volunteer vaccinators. 40 community-based volunteers attended. 20 students served as volunteers (10 of which were from the SAU Volleyball team). **SAU will host the second dose event on April 10th.**



Morgan State University Fall 2021 Open House

The **Morgan State University School of Community Health and Policy Public Health Program** invites you to attend their **Fall 2021 Virtual Open House** that will be held on **Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10 am via Zoom**. Please click on [this link](#) to register for the event. Once you have registered the zoom link will be forwarded to you a week before the event. At the Open House, you will learn more about our MPH and DrPH hybrid and online programs. We look forward to your registration and to seeing you at the event. For more information, please email [Carol-Ann Hendricks](#), Graduate Student Affairs Coordinator.



TUSKEGEE
UNIVERSITY

*Department of Graduate Public Health
invites you to complete a survey for our
COVID AWARE Program Funded by the
National Science Foundation (NSF).*

Adults 18 years of age and older are welcome to complete this online (Qualtrics based) survey. We appreciate the difficulty of uncertain times and hope to capture aspects of this pandemic through our questionnaire. The information you provide will be confidential, and any data reported will be anonymous. The findings of this research we anticipate will help us have a better understanding of how African Americans adhere to, attend to and adapt to health education and communication during pandemics.



The graphic features a blue header with the Tuskegee University seal, the text "Department of Graduate Public Health", "College of Veterinary Medicine", and "Tuskegee University". Below this is a dark blue box with "COVID Aware Project" and "Funded by NSF" over a background of virus particles. To the right is a QR code. The main text reads "HOW HAS COVID-19 IMPACTED YOU?" in large blue letters. Below that is a blue button that says "TAKE OUR SURVEY" with a mouse cursor icon. To the right of the button is an illustration of a laptop displaying a survey form with a checked box.

The Department of Graduate Public Health at Tuskegee University
wants to know your feelings about COVID 19
TAKE THE SURVEY: (url)
People ages 18+ can take the survey.

The survey takes about 15-20 minutes to finish. The findings of this research we anticipate will help us have a better understanding of how African Americans adhere to, attend to and adapt to health education and communication during pandemics. We won't ask your name or any identifying information. Your answers will be kept completely private.

Job Opportunities and Fellowships



Vector-Borne Disease Epidemiologist

The New Jersey Department of Health Vector-borne Disease Unit is seeking an Epidemiologist to implement surveillance and public health response activities associated with vector-borne disease pathogens and for tick vectors of public health concern. This position also serves as a backup for zoonotic disease investigations and is part of the Ebola and other viral hemorrhagic fever response team.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



Public Health Toxicologist

The Public Health Toxicologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Health evaluates toxicological information related to environmental chemical exposures using advanced scientific knowledge in environmental toxicology to ensure accurate and timely dissemination of information to the public and other stakeholders to prevent/ minimize adverse health effects.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



The Department of Health Professions is seeking a lecturer to support its mission in teaching and developing core courses, mentoring students, and participating in department, college, and university service activities. A successful applicant for this position should possess the ability to teach multiple content courses in a traditional, asynchronous and interactive video teleconference distance education delivery format to majors in the BSAS in Public Health. Click **here** for more information.



COVID Vaccines and Minorities Position

The Department of Health Office of Minority Health & Equity was recently awarded a grant for \$50,000,000 to encourage people of color to get the COVID vaccine.

Walter Niles is the Director of the Office of Minority Health & Equity at the Florida Department of Health. If you are interested, or know someone who is call Walter Niles at (850) 345-4346.

It is an OPS position that requires travel through out the state of Florida. Salary is negotiable.

Fellowship Opportunities

- **CDC Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Disease (WASH) Fellowship**
- **FDA Postgraduate Research Fellowship in Antimicrobial Resistance**
- **CDC Public Health Informatics Fellowship**
- **CDC Overdose Prevention Technical Training Fellowship**

COVID-19 Information and Resources



National Institutes of Health
Community Engagement Alliance

Celebrate National Minority Health Month and be #VaccineReady by having the knowledge to make informed decisions. Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines below with information provided by the National Institutes of Health.

- What is in the Pfizer Vaccine?
- What is in the Moderna Vaccine?
- 4 Questions (and Answers) about the COVID-19 vaccine
- Addressing COVID-19 Misinformation

Looking Ahead



May is Stroke Awareness Month but be prepared to spot symptoms of a stroke now by clicking [here](#).

Partnerships



Bethune-Cookman University Department of Public Health and Health Equity

Since September 2020, Bethune-Cookman University has been the convening site for CAAPHP.

[Learn More about the BCU Masters' of Public Health here.](#)

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