



June/July 2021

## Consortium of African American Public Health Programs Monthly Newsletter

### CAAPHP Program Announcements

**The next CAAPHP Business Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, July 27th from 12pm to 1:30pm EST.**



**Congratulations to all of the Spring  
and Summer Graduates of the  
CAAPHP Programs!**

### Student Highlight: CAAPHP Pipeline



**BCU Graduate is Headed to  
Morehouse!**



Destinye Sims, BCU Graduate  
Congratulations from BCU Health  
Sciences on being accepted to  
Morehouse School of Medicine for  
Graduate School!

# CAAPHP Member Spotlight



Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Masters' of Public Health program strives for academic excellence in training students to become culturally competent public health professionals. The MPH Program requires course work in the five core areas of environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, biostatistics, health policy and management, and the behavioral sciences and health education. In addition to receiving a strong foundation in these core disciplines, traditional MPH students will gain additional depth through coursework in a chosen specialized area of public health, as well as through field experience and a public health internship.

Click [here](#) to visit the FAMU Master's Public Health Department.



## National Events and Educational Opportunities

### Juneteenth is Finally a Federal Holiday!



On June 18th, President Biden declared June 19th the observance of Juneteenth as a federal holiday. Two years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation to end slavery, enslaved African Americans in Galveston, TX finally received word of their freedom on June 19, 1865. Juneteenth is celebrated nationwide to commemorate freedom of enslaved Africans in the United States and now all Americans will recognize it as an important part of American history. Read President Biden's full statement [here](#).

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### June is Men's Health Month

# JUNE is **MEN'S HEALTH** MONTH



The goal of Men's Health Month is to motivate boys and men to develop and maintain healthy lives by making healthy decisions. According to the CDC, 14.9% of men 18 years or older are considered to be in fair or poor health. It is important that men get check-ups and screenings on a regular basis to ensure that men are continually making strides to lead healthier lives.

## 6 Plays for Men to Stay at the Top of Their Game

### #1 We will protect this heart:

Heart Disease is the No. 1 killer of men. Healthier food choices build a healthier heart — make fruits and vegetables half of your plate.



June is designated as Men's Health Month, and the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health has outlined six tips to promote men's health throughout the year.

The OMH's Six Plays for Men's Health remind men and boys that they can improve their health by seeking medical advice and taking other important steps, such as making healthy food choices, staying active, quitting smoking, getting regular checkups, taking care of their mental health and being #VaccineReady.

1. We will protect this heart
2. Bro, you don't even have to lift
3. Preventive Maintenance
4. Quitting Time
5. Hey man, you good?
6. Be #VaccineReady

Learn more about the 6 Plays for Men's Health created by the Office of Minority Health [here](#).

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## June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness



## Month



Educate and promote awareness of Alzheimer's and the brain in June. Learn more about the effects of Alzheimer's and Dementia by visiting the Alzheimer's Association website [here](#).

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## July is National Minority Mental Health Month



With July being Minority Mental Health Month, the Mental Health Technology Transfer Center or MHTTC has compiled several resources to support the mental health needs of communities of color. Learn more [here](#).

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## July 28th is World Hepatitis Day



According to the World Hepatitis Alliance, every 30 seconds someone dies from a hepatitis related illness. People living with viral hepatitis cannot wait for testing which is why it is crucial to act on viral hepatitis now. Learn ways to get involved with World Hepatitis Day [here](#).

## News and Updates



The Epilepsy Foundation is working with Morehouse School of Medicine Epilepsy Project UpLift Team to offer a **Seizure First Aid Certification Training** on **July 20th at 8 pm EST**. Training instructors will be Dr. Rakale Collins Quarells, Associate Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine Cardiovascular Research Institute, and Demetrius Geiger, MPH, Research Coordinator at Morehouse School of Medicine. The training is free, open to the public and offers a 2-year certification. Register **here**.



## MCHB Project Update

Morgan State is leading the charge to address maternal and child health disparities among African Americans by building the capacity of CAAPHP institutions. With interest and support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau [MCHB], Morgan State has convened representatives from several CAAPHP member institutions to participate in a proposed pilot project. If your program is interested but has yet to attend the weekly meetings, please feel free to reach out to Dr. Yvonne Bronner at [Yvonne.Bronner@morgan.edu](mailto:Yvonne.Bronner@morgan.edu) or Dr. Keshia Baptiste at [keshia.baptisterobert@morgan.edu](mailto:keshia.baptisterobert@morgan.edu).



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UNIVERSITY  
*Transform. Excel. Lead.*

Saint Augustine's University is conducting research on the effects of COVID-19 on HBCU students and their mental/physical health. Their goal is to reach all HBCUs to include their students in an anonymous survey that assesses student life experiences, health programming efforts, and COVID-19 impacts. They would like to include your students in their research! If you are interested, please distribute the survey to some or all of your student population. Link to survey can be found **here**.

Additionally, Saint Augustine's University is hosting a conversation on substance use/abuse, mental and pandemic health, and healthy coping mechanisms and would like to invite your students. This event will be an opportunity for your students to learn about COVID-19 and healthy skill sets that they can utilize for the future. The event will be held virtually on **July 14th, 2021 from 1-2 P.M.**

**EST** on Zoom. As an incentive, students that register and attend will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift card. Register **here**.

Your time and cooperation are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact [summer.lykins@centre.edu](mailto:summer.lykins@centre.edu) or [dnavarre@u.rochester.edu](mailto:dnavarre@u.rochester.edu)

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## Save the date for HBCU faculty webinar

*Role of Faculty in Addressing COVID Vaccine Hesitancy among HBCU Students*

August 12, 2021

1:00 pm EST - 2:00 pm EST

Webinar Sponsor by SOPHE HBCUs Advisory Council  
CHES CEU will be offered

## Job Opportunities and Fellowships



The National Birth Equity Collaborative is excited to release the announcement for the 2021-2023 Birth Equity Research Scholars Program! The Birth Equity Research Scholars Program is a two-year professional development fellowship designed to prepare doctoral students in various academic disciplines (e.g., anthropology, sociology, maternal and child health, epidemiology, public health) for research and practice careers that advance birth equity for Black birthing populations.

Applicants must identify as **Black or of African descent** and be a **full or part-time second or third-year doctoral student** at an accredited university during the 2021-2022 academic year. We are accepting applications until **Friday, July 9th at 11:59 pm ET**. Further details are outlined in the program announcement which can be found [here](#).

Questions about the program can be directed to [scholars@birthequity.org](mailto:scholars@birthequity.org).

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## Epidemiologist

This epidemiology position will develop comprehensive, reliable and succinct information about the incidence, prevalence, distribution and characteristics of health issues in Jefferson County, Colorado. They are responsible for carrying out a





broad and complex range of investigative and analytical epidemiologic activities related to the surveillance, detection, and prevention of diseases and injuries. They will work independently and as an experienced team member, providing epidemiologic expertise and complex individual epidemiologic analyses for assessment and surveillance purposes and to support JCPH programs.

For more information click [here](#).

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## Fellowship Opportunities

- [Postdoctoral Research Fellowship](#)
- [CDC Data Modernization for Public Health Programs Fellowship](#)
- [NIH NIAID Technology Transfer Fellowship Program](#)

## COVID-19 Information and Resources

### Tough Questions About Public Health

Following the FDA and CDC's decision to resume the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, the Public Health Communication Collaborative (PHCC) has updated their [Tough Q&A](#) with messaging to help communicators address questions from their community. The “Tough Q&A” is a compilation of tough questions related to COVID-19, with suggested answers. Many of the topics listed are sensitive and often politicized. The document is designed to provide message guidance and framing for public health officials and others, and it is regularly updated to reflect new developments and emerging issues.

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### Study Says No Evidence That Vaccines are Unsafe During Pregnancy



In an early analysis of coronavirus vaccine safety data, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [have found no evidence](#) that the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines pose serious risks during pregnancy. The study included self-reported data on more than 35,000 people who received one of the vaccines during or shortly before pregnancy and is the largest yet on the safety of the coronavirus vaccines in pregnant people. 827 of those enrolled in the study completed their pregnancies, 86 percent of which resulted in a live birth. Rates of miscarriage, prematurity, low birth weight and birth defects were consistent with those reported in pregnant women before the pandemic, the researchers report.

# Partnerships

## Council on Education for Public Health Accreditation Orientation Workshop - Summer 2021

The Council on Education for Public Health is hosting Summer Accreditation Workshops from Public Health Programs, Schools, Stand-alone Baccalaureate Programs and Applicants.

Workshop dates include:

- AOW for SBP
  - July 15-16, 2021 (2:00pm-5:00pm ET each day)
- AOW for PHP/SPH
  - July 28-30, 2021 (2:00pm-5:00pm ET each day)
- AOW for applicant PHP/SPH
  - August 9-11, 2021 (12:00pm-3:00pm ET each day)

Learn more [here](#).



### 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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