

May 2021

# Consortium of African American Public Health Programs Monthly Newsletter

## CAAPHP Program Announcements

**The next CAAPHP Business Meeting will be held on May 18th from 12pm to 1:30pm EST.**



### Association of State Public Health Nutritionists Health Equity Internship Program



**JSU has 4 students within the 2021 Spring Cohort that developed a project focused on CVD Prevention and Awareness**



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Project HEALTH (Health Education Awareness for a Life that's Healthy) is a health education/health promotion program affiliated with the Center of Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities, School of Public Health at Jackson State University. Project Health has been awarded a grant from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in conjunction with the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists (ASPHN) as a part of an HBCU CVD Prevention Program to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of students. The Project Health activities include direct integration of innovative, proactive disease prevention strategies to help students accept responsibilities for the quality of their lives and their health



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

## CAAPHP Member Spotlight



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S  
UNIVERSITY

*Transform. Excel. Lead.*

Saint Augustine's University's Public Health program prepares students for careers in public health through the cultivation of a wellness atmosphere and the dissemination of health information.

The engagement of the students with campus, individuals, communities, and general population will infuse and instill the concept of lifelong learning and advancement of healthcare, while improving the quality of life of the general population. Students will learn to effectively communicate public health ideas and demonstrate expertise in the five areas of public health. The mission of the Department of Public Health is to maintain a program of education that provides for interacting needs among students, the job market and graduate/professional school.

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## National Events and Educational Opportunities

### May is National Stroke Awareness Month

#### Act F.A.S.T.

According to the CDC, Stroke is currently the leading cause of death and serious disability nationally and globally. Anyone of any age can have a stroke at any time. It is important to know how to respond in this situation. Do you know the signs and symptoms of a stroke? Remember the acronym F.A.S.T to help you quickly identify the most common

signs of a stroke.

## Acting F.A.S.T. is key to stroke survival.



**Face:** Does one side of the face droop when smiling?



**Arms:** Does one arm drift downward when both arms are raised?



**Speech:** Is speech slurred or strange when repeating a simple phrase?



**Time:** If you see any of these signs, call 9-1-1 right away.

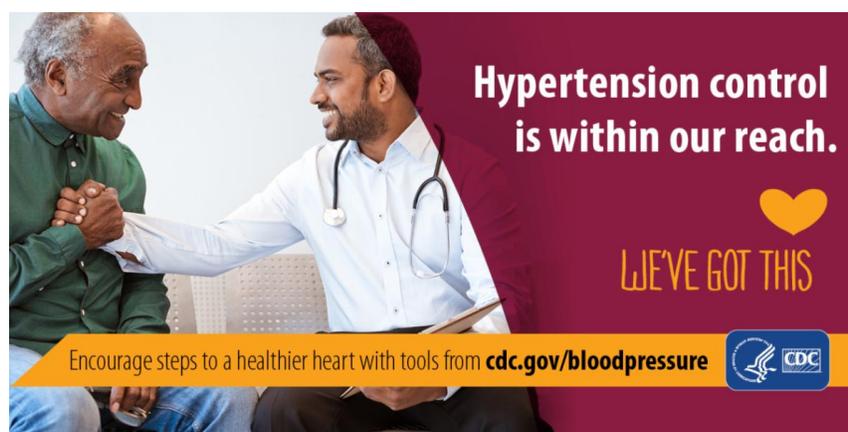
[cdc.gov/stroke](https://cdc.gov/stroke)



Learn more about the effects of stroke by clicking the links below.

- **Know the Facts About Stroke**
- **Men and Stroke**
- **Women and Stroke**

## May is High Blood Pressure Education Month



High Blood Pressure, also known as Hypertension, can lead to heart attack, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke and brain problems. There are often no warning signs or symptoms of hypertension, which is why it is important to measure your blood pressure consistently. In some cases, measuring your blood pressure is crucial to lower the risk of serious health problems. To learn more about high blood pressure and how to manage it, click the links below.

[High Blood Pressure Symptoms and Causes](#)

[Hypertension Awareness Education](#)

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Month. Join Mental Health America in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about by using the **May is Mental Health Month toolkit** materials and conducting awareness activities. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health of people of all ages. Now, more

than ever, it is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles, because that stigma often prevents individuals from seeking help. The toolkit includes sample materials for communications and social media as well as printable handouts on adapting after trauma and stress, dealing with anger and frustration, getting out of thinking traps, taking time for yourself, and more.

## National Women's Health Week is May 9th - 15th

Learn more about how the pandemic has disproportionately affected women in areas concerning health care, mental health and economic security **here**.

## News and Updates



The Council on Black Health released the nation's first Black Health Bill of Rights on April 13th 2021. The Black Health Bill of Rights was developed to serve as the framework for improving the health of Black Americans in communities across the nation. "It's National Minority Health Month and imperative to raise awareness of the Black Health Bill of Rights. The Council advocates for a collective movement to improve health in Black communities," said Melicia Whitt-Glover, Executive Director of the Council. "The Black Health Bill of Rights demonstrates our commitment to changing the narrative on Black health in the United States and for people of the African Diaspora worldwide." View the Black Health Bill of Rights Below.

Black Health Bill of  
Rights

If your organization would like to formally endorse the Black Health Bill of Rights, please click **here** to provide your information.

Membership to join the Council on Black Health is now open! To become an official member of the Council on Black Health, please visit the membership section of our [website](#).

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## 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**.

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](mailto:rcampbel@fredhutch.org)



## Job Opportunities and Fellowships



## Public Health Division Manager

Are you a mission-driven leader with an equity mindset? Are you dedicated to improving and protecting the public's health across the lifespan through prevention, education, and oversight? Do you get energized when partnering with the community to improve health outcomes? If so, come lead with us and join Washington County Department of Health and Human Services as a Public Health Division Manager! They are seeking an innovative and experienced leader to manage the Public Health Division within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In this role, you will apply a visionary mindset backed by the leadership skills to manage and successfully operate a complex division.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

## Regional Epidemiologist and Lab Liaison (Bio Scientist IV)

The Florida Department of Health is looking for a full time regional epidemiologist and laboratory liaison working with the Acute Investigations Unit of the Bureau of Epidemiology. Members of this unit provide direct assistance to county health departments for disease surveillance and reporting, case investigations, outbreak investigations, implementation of control measures to interrupt disease transmission or mitigate adverse health impact, and planned studies of important public health problems in the state. The epidemiologist will provide epidemiologic expertise as part of project teams within and be a key responder and technical specialist during public health emergency activations.

[Click Here For More Information](#)



## Division Director of Preventive Public Health

The Division Director manages departments with numerous programs and services, while overseeing teams of specialized personnel and support staff members. Under the direction of the Administrative Officer, develops policies, procedures, and delivery of support systems within their specific program/division area.

Work involves participating in state, regional and district wide planning, preparing, and administering budgets, and coordinating cross-divisional and community efforts. The ideal candidate will have previous experience with Public Health. For more information, click [here](#).

## Epidemiologist



Serve as an epidemiologist responsible for carrying out a full range of complex epidemiologic, surveillance activities and provide technical consultation and assistance to Federal, State, local and other health agencies concerning various complex epidemiology projects. This NCIPC announcement opened, **4 May 2021, and closes Tuesday, 18 May 2021.** Vacancies will be filled in the Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), Surveillance

Branch (SB). In addition, you are encouraged to apply as vacancies may be filled in other divisions/offices utilizing this announcement under the shared certificate guidance. The guidance allows announcements to be shared in order to fill other approved vacancies within the agency utilizing a single announcement.

### **Vacancy Position Information:**

Epidemiologist, GS-0601-12/13

### **Vacancy Announcement Numbers and links:**

MP: HHS-CDC-MP2-21-11097940; Click [here](#) to view

DE: HHS-CDC-D2-21-11097937; Click [here](#) to view

## Fellowship Opportunities

- [\*\*EPA Bioinformaticist/Data Scientist Fellowship\*\*](#)
- [\*\*CDC Reproductive Health and Disability Fellowship\*\*](#)
- [\*\*FDA Immunoglobulin Products Research Fellowship\*\*](#)
- [\*\*CDC Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global HIV & TB Research\*\*](#)

## 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.

**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.



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 (& answers) about the COVID-19 vaccine**
- **Addressing COVID-19 Misinformation**

## Looking Ahead

### June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month



Be prepared to 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**.

## 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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