

## Primary Care COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases Health Equity Response Network

AAPCHO & PI-CoPCE Clinician Leadership Invitation

[AAPCHO](#) and [PI-CoPCE](#) is developing a **Health Equity Response Network** to proactively engage, inform, and train the healthcare workforce to prevent and control the spread of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases that disproportionately impact Asian American (AA), Native Hawaiian (NH), and Pacific Islander (PI) communities. Members of AAPCHO and PI-CoPCE represent an expansive primary care network capable of coordinating a clinical and community response to diseases such as tuberculosis, dengue fever, hepatitis B, and now, COVID-19.

### About the Health Equity Response Network

Through AAPCHO and PI-CoPCE's network, AA-, NH-, and PI-serving community health centers are uniquely positioned to function as critical partners in the public health delivery system. The purpose of the Health Equity Response Network is to ensure **quality training and technical assistance, culturally responsive communication, and interdisciplinary coordination** of health centers and affiliated partners, the primary care organization workforce, and infectious disease subject matter experts.

<b>Primary Functions of the Network</b>	<b>Response Network Activities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Primary care strategic planning</li> <li>● Sharing of resources and best practices among interdisciplinary providers</li> <li>● Increasing awareness and understanding of culturally and linguistically appropriate COVID-19 testing and treatment strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Physician and nurse consultation for appropriate screening, evaluation, diagnosis, management, and treatment of COVID-19 patients and persons with suspected SARS-CoV-2 infection</li> <li>● Address questions on any COVID-19 related topic raised by health practitioners</li> </ul>

### Goals and Outcomes

The Health Equity Response Network aims to achieve the following long-term outcomes:

1. Fewer healthcare-associated infections among AA, NH, and PI patients and healthcare workers
2. Fewer community-acquired infections across public and private settings in underserved AA, NH, and PI communities
3. Improved clinical outcomes among AA, NH, and PI patients with or who are at increased risk for emerging infectious diseases.

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AAPCHO and Pi-CoPCE formally invites your organization to participate in the Health Equity Response Network as an Advisory Council Member. Please contact us to discuss partnership details and logistics.

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