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NAWHC NOW! provides information offered by the National Association of Worksite Health Centers and other industry experts on programs, developments, resources and benchmarking surveys related to onsite, near-site, mobile and virtual worksite clinics. Visit www.nawhc.org for details and membership information.

EDUCATION – Details and registration are available at <https://www.nawhc.org/Events>

CDC Update on COVID-19 and the Vaccines – September 2, 2021 – 11 AM CT Webinar

NAWHC has arranged for its members to receive a private briefing from the Chief Medical Officer of the CDC Vaccine Task Force on the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and the various vaccines. There will be a Q&A session to enable you to ask questions following the presentation. At that program, we will also present results from a new NAWHC benchmarking survey on how employers are addressing the vaccination challenges at the worksite. There is no cost to NAWHC members. [Register at this link](#)

Creating and Expanding Worksite Health Centers: NAWHC 9th Annual Forum – September 9-10, 2021, Mid-America Club, Chicago, Illinois

Over 100 people have registered for our major event – the 9th Annual Forum. The event will have sessions on: The direction of employer centers in post-COVID-19 world; Planning and accreditation of worksite health centers; Legal and regulatory aspects of worksite health centers; Increasing clinic engagement; How COVID-19 has impacted the opioid problem; and the findings of the Mercer-NAWHC Worksite Clinic Annual Survey. [Register at this link](#)

Key Issues Involving the Different Kinds of Medical Records at Worksite Health Centers - October 18, 2021 - 11 AM - 12:30 PM CT Webinar

Learn the latest key issues involving different kinds of medical records at your worksite health center. [Register at this link](#)

How Hospitals Can Offer Worksite Clinics to Their Employees and Area Employers – November 30, 2021 – 10 AM - 2 PM CT - Webinar

Learn from legal, consultant and hospital leaders on the benefits, challenges and value of a hospital offering a worksite health center for its own employees, as well as creating a worksite clinic service for area employers. [Register at this link](#)

BENCHMARKING

Employer and Worksite Clinic COVID-19 Vaccination Policies

Please complete [this 5-minute survey](#) which is intended to collect benchmarking information on how employers and their centers are addressing COVID-19 vaccinations in their return to work policies.

Employers Reconsidering Vaccine Mandates

A recent Mercer survey of 372 US employers found 14% require (or plan to require) all employees returning to their worksites to be vaccinated, with another 15% requiring vaccinations for certain job functions such as business travel or customer contact. Just three months ago, a similar survey found only 3% of respondents planned to require employees to be vaccinated and only 8% were even considering it. See the infographic of all the responses [at this link](#).

Marijuana Testing, Time to Visit Clinic and Data on the Retention Value of Clinics

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You can view the results [at this link](#) of a recent NAWHC survey that included questions related to pre-employment testing of marijuana; policies on when an employee can visit the employer's clinic; and the impact of the clinic on retention.

RESEARCH AND RESOURCES

Definition of Virtual First Care (V1C)

NAWHC is a member of IMPACT – the Virtual First Medical Practice Collaborative. IMPACT recently released its definition of V1C: “Medical care for individuals or a community accessed through digital interactions where possible, guided by a clinician, and integrated into a person’s everyday life.”. Characteristics and components of “V1C” were presented in their report. Obtain a copy of the report [at this link](#).

CDC Health Equity Style Guide

The CDC has created a “Health Equity Style Guide” for COVID-19 and other health educational materials to emphasize the importance of addressing all people inclusively, with respect, including using non-stigmatizing, bias-free language. Avoid perpetuating negative stereotypes or blaming people for their own life circumstances or health status when reporting data or information about health disparities. As you create information resources, give presentations, engage with partners, and even develop and review internal communications, look for opportunities to apply the guidance [at this link to](#) your work in the response.

Impact of COVID-19 on Deferred Care

One Medical recently released a report on the impact of COVID-19 on deferring necessary care. Get a copy of the report [at this link](#).

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