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

PROJECTS

NAWHC Vendor Directory

NAWHC will be offering a new Vendor Directory on its website in 2021. It will allow a user to search for vendors to plan, staff, manage and support worksite health centers, their services and programs. We are forming an ad hoc committee to help determine the types of vendors to be included and the extent of the content to be available in each listing. The Directory Committee will meet virtually 2-3 times and be asked to respond to the various drafts. We hope to have the Vendor Directory available by the end of Q1 of 2021.

We're looking for a mix of employers, vendors and benefit advisors to participate. If you're interested in being on the ad hoc committee, contact Larry Boress at lboress@nawhc.org. If more than one person from the same organization expresses interest, we will invite the first one that responds.

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

2021 Onsite Employee Health Clinics Summit – January 28-29, 2021, DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley – Scottsdale

By attending the 2021 Onsite Employee Health Clinics Summit, you will learn what it takes to build and streamline facilities that meet innovative visions for healthcare and wellness. You will also learn the benefits associated with expanding current onsite health facilities.

NAWHC has been informed by the Summit organizer that in mid-January they will determine if this event will be an in-person or a virtual program. Anyone registered will be notified of the decision.

The Impact of COVID-19 on Worksite Health Centers – Webinar, January 13, 2021, 10:00 AM CT

In November, NAWHC conducted a benchmarking survey (See story below) on how the worksite health centers have responded as people get back to work and employers adjust to the imminent arrival of vaccines. This webinar will cover the survey results and serve as a roundtable for employers and others to share ideas, experiences and challenges of providing care for your covered population in a COVID-19 environment. The webinar is free for NAWHC members, \$100 for non-members.

Register at [this link](#)

NAWHC BOARD OF DIRECTOR OFFICER ELECTION

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The NAWHC Board of Directors elected new officers for the 2021-2023 term:

- Board Chair/President – **David Hines**, Executive Director, Employee Benefits, Metro Nashville Public Schools
- Treasurer – **Amy Iveson**, Corporate Manager, Health & Wellness Strategy, Huntington Ingalls Industries
- Secretary - **Stephanie Eckerle**, Partner, Kreig DeVault
- Past Chair - **Carly Deer**, Senior Benefits Leader, Target Corporation

Congratulations to the new leadership team.

ADVOCACY

New Stimulus Bill and the Fair Market Value Issue

NAWHC and its partners in the Fair Market Value Collaborative were able to obtain over 90 organizations to sign a letter to Congressional leaders urging them to include language in the new stimulus bill to change or remove the IRS requirement that HSA plan members pay a “fair market value” amount for “onsite clinic” services. Unfortunately, the new bill does not include our recommended language. We will continue our efforts in 2021 to remove the FMV requirements.

BENCHMARKING

Impact of COVID-19 on Worksite Health Centers: An Update

In March 2020, states were requiring or recommending most businesses close or have their employees work remotely to avoid spreading the virus. At that time, the [National Assn. of Worksite Health Centers](#) (NAWHC) conducted a benchmarking survey of employers and unions on the impact and challenges of COVID-19 on their onsite and near-site health centers, the centers’ services and staff.

To see how the situation has changed as people get back to work and employers adjust to the imminent arrival of vaccine, NAWHC conducted a survey in November 2020 to update the earlier results. The survey report [“Impact of COVID-19 on Worksite Health Centers: An Update”](#) is now available to NAWHC Members. The report covers how health centers’ services, staffing and operations have been affected and their current status, as well as the challenges ahead and involvement with COVID-19 vaccine distribution.

National Employer Survey on Employer-Sponsored Health Plans

Mercer recently released the results of [its national survey](#) on employer-sponsored health plans. Over 1800 employers participated in this benchmarking survey that provides trends in cost and plan design and looks at employers’ strategies for managing cost and supporting employees -- and how they have responded to the pandemic.

MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Amazon to Offer Employers Health Centers

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According to a report in *Business Insider*, Amazon wants to provide online and in-person primary care for other large employers. The push into primary care would be an extension of Amazon Care, launched in Seattle in September 2019 to serve Amazon employees and later extended throughout Washington. The program offers telemedicine and in-person health care services.

RESOURCES

CDC Update on COVID-19 and the Vaccine Distribution Program

CDC has a website for its Partners, including NAWHC, providing the latest information, recordings of webinars and resources on COVID -19 and the plans for vaccine distribution. Obtain access to this great resource at [this link](#).

V-Safe Health Check-in

Worksite clinics should enroll their patients in the new [v-safe after vaccination health checker](#). **V-safe** is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after a person receives a COVID-19 vaccination. Through **v-safe**, a person can quickly tell CDC if they have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on the answers, someone from CDC may call to check on them. And **v-safe** will remind the person to get a second COVID-19 vaccine dose if they need one. **V-safe** web pages feature information on how to register and complete a **v-safe** health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support.

Information on the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine

In [this article](#) is complete information from the CDC on the Pfizer vaccine.

AHA Environmental Scan

The American Hospital Association has laid out its strategic plan for the hospital industry aiming at relief, recovery, rebuilding and reimagining. [This report](#) gives employers and their vendor partners a good insight into the challenges and directions of hospitals.

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