

PROVIDER ALERT

COVID-19 Webinars

May 21, 2021

Target Audience: All Providers

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) regularly updates resources and information related to COVID-19. Here is the latest information:

Behavioral Health Provider Webinars with Public Health

BHA hosts a weekly Behavioral Health Provider Webinar with Public Health every Friday, 10–11 a.m. Visit the BHA website for more information including [archived presentations](#). **Please note there will be no webinar on Friday, May 28.**

The webinar on Friday, June 4 will include a discussion on how providers can become vaccinators through ImmuNet, or host vaccine clinics with pharmacy or mobile clinic partners — options will help increase our low behavioral health vaccination rates. If you are interested in hosting a vaccine clinic by having a pharmacy or mobile clinic come onsite, contact john.watson@maryland.gov. To become a vaccinator, see the [ImmuNet Quick Reference Guides](#). An upcoming Provider Alert will include additional vaccine details, including the billing codes for providers who become vaccinators.

The webinar on Friday, June 11 will be on Zoom (instead of Cisco Webex) so please [register here](#). This webinar will focus on the latest information on the vaccines and how to effectively communicate with those who are vaccine hesitant. Presenters include MDH's Rebecca Perlmutter, MPH, and Tara Sell, PhD, an Assistant Professor in the Johns Hopkins University Department of Environmental Health and Engineering and a Senior Associate at the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Learn more and [share this flyer](#) with your networks.

The CovidCONNECT Webinar Series presents *From the Lab to the Clinic: Insights Into Depression and Future Treatments*

On Thursday, May 27 at 5 p.m. Dr. Mani Yavi, Diane Dillard Broadnax, Yamila Carmona will look at insights into depression in light of the pandemic, as well as current and future treatments. The webinar is hosted by Dr. Yavi, a clinical fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health in the Experimental Therapeutics and Pathophysiology group. He conducts clinical research on novel treatments for depression with a focus on developing biomarkers to better characterize treatment-resistant depression.

These free webinars are curated specifically for Marylanders who have been impacted by COVID-19. Developed by BHA in partnership with National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Maryland, 211 Maryland and other stakeholders, these presentations include speakers who cover topics on mental health, wellness and recovery. Visit the [Covid Connect website](#) to learn more and [register](#). Or [share this flyer](#) with your networks.

BHA/MedChi Behavioral Health Webinar Series: Helping the Helpers and Those They Serve

These webinars are for Maryland's health care workers of all disciplines. They are designed to enhance both health care worker self-care and the care they provide, as health care workers combat numerous challenges including the pandemic, social justice issues, and other stressors that can potentially impact delivered care. CMEs will be available at no cost, as will Participant Certificates, which for other disciplines may potentially qualify for CEUs or other continuing education credit. Participants should check with their certifying organizations to see how these would apply.

Next Thursday, May 27: Spirituality and Self-Care for Health Care Workers. Visit the website to [learn more](#), access archived webinars, or [register now](#).

BHA continues to update behavioral health COVID-19 related resources on the [BHA website](#). Please submit COVID-19 related questions [here](#) or email bha.inquiries@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team