



2020-2021 Vaccine Campaign Work

March 11 - After the Covid-19 pandemic began in 2020, Central Maryland AHEC received federal, state, and private funding to:

- Partner with UMSOM to provide technical assistance, training, and education for clinicians, public health workers and Central Maryland residents
- Conduct specialized training for more than 400 clinicians, health professions students, and CHWs to address the needs of residents amplified by COVID-19. Trainings have included Trauma Informed Care, Opioid Response, Mental Health First Aid, Chronic Disease Management, Care Givers Support, and affirming practices for culture-specific groups, older adults, and LGBTQ+ communities.
- Provide COVID-19 information, education, and vaccine access support to more than 10,000 residents
- Develop a learning management platform to support virtual training for health professions students and clinicians
- Provide remote service navigation for residents
- Provide devices for residents to access healthcare and social services
- Conduct needs assessments for residents
- Conduct depression and social isolation screening and counseling
- Provide support for chronic disease management
- Train faith-based organizations to provide opioid harm reduction strategies





About Central Maryland AHEC

The Central Maryland Area Health Education Center (CMAHEC), a 501(c)3 organization, is one of three community-based Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) in Maryland and one of more than 250 AHEC's throughout the United States. The Maryland AHEC Program, located at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, provides technical support and guidance to CMAHEC for the delivery of evidence-based programming. CMAHEC leverages educational partnerships, community linkages, and support from federal, state, and local agencies to accomplish its mission. Area Health Education Centers are funded in part by the Health Resources and Services Administration national network that focuses on recruitment, training, and retention of a diverse healthcare workforce for medically underserved communities.

Our Mission

The Central Maryland Area Health Education Center (CMAHEC) works to increase health equity by educating and strengthening the healthcare workforce. CMAHEC provides interdisciplinary educational programs that bridge academic, healthcare, and community settings to transform the healthcare delivery and outcomes for residents in medically underserved communities in Central Maryland.

Leadership in Central Maryland AHEC's Vaccine Campaign

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Other Nationally Recognized Central Maryland AHEC Programs

<u>Faith-based Outreach Program Addresses Opioid and Stimulant Use Disorders in Maryland, Reaches Thousands</u>