

Opioid and COVID-19 Related Resources

Relevant information and guidance for communities confronting opioids in the age of COVID-19

[The Intersection of Two Pandemics: Addiction and COVID-19 Webinar](#)

The USC Schaeffer Center and the Institute for Addiction Science's recent webinar discussed the pre-pandemic rise in substance use disorder and why policy responses to COVID-19 might cause individuals with addiction to fare even worse.

[COVID-19 Policy Recommendations for OUD, Pain, and Harm Reduction](#)

Recommendations from the American Medical Association to help states and others with specific policy recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Exceptions to Facilitate Opioid Use Disorder Treatment](#)

Recommendation from the American Medical Association (AMA) and American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) to states to request exceptions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[COVID-19, Self-Help Groups, and Medication Treatment for OUD](#)

Health Affairs Blog discussing how COVID-19 pandemic is an opportunity to assess and realign self-help groups and treatment with medications for people with opioid use disorder.

[COVID-19 and Opioid Policy Changes](#)

Discussion of policy barriers to evidence-based prevention and treatment for individuals with OUD and suggestions for federal and state governments to reduce barriers to care for individuals with OUD.

[Fighting Two Battles: How CMS is Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in the Time of COVID-19](#)

IMPAQ International COVID-19 blog series discussing CMS, state Medicaid agencies, and other partners implementing programs to continue providing life-saving interventions for individuals in need of care amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

[COVID-19: Telehealth for Opioid Addiction Interventions Webinar and Resources](#)

The Association for Addiction Professionals' recent webinar and supplemental resources on laws and ethical codes applying to the use of technology by addiction specialists for telehealth.

[Telehealth for OUD in the home](#)

Discussion of an emerging treatment model for OUD which leverages telehealth to provide medication treatment to patients in their homes.

COVID-19 Related Tools

The Health and Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Interventions: STATE POLICY EVALUATION TOOL

This tool supports decisionmakers in planning a recovery roadmap by estimating the effects of nonpharmaceutical interventions on health and economic outcomes. The tool also provides qualitative guidance on the efficacy, costs, and potential unintended consequences of a range of interventions.

[Link to tool](#); [Link to documentation](#); [Link to press release](#)

RAND Critical Care Surge Response Tool: An Excel-Based Model for Helping Hospitals Respond to the COVID-19 Crisis

This tool allows decisionmakers at all levels — hospitals, health care systems, states, regions — to estimate current critical care capacity and rapidly explore strategies for increasing it.

[Link to tool](#); [Link to documentation](#); [Link to research report](#)