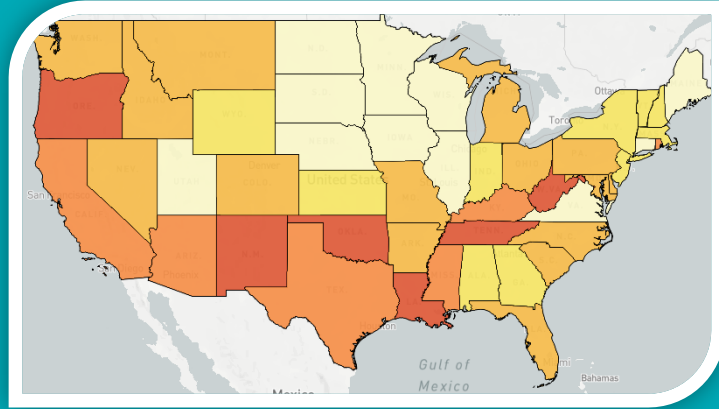


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Webinar Objectives

- I. Describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on viral hepatitis prevention and control efforts, including elimination plans.
- II. Identify strategies, including advocacy, to promote continued support for viral hepatitis prevention, control and elimination during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- III. Characterize potential program and policy actions to integrate viral hepatitis prevention, control and elimination activities into the US COVID-19 response.

Speakers

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Louisiana's Hepatitis C Subscription Model and Elimination Plan

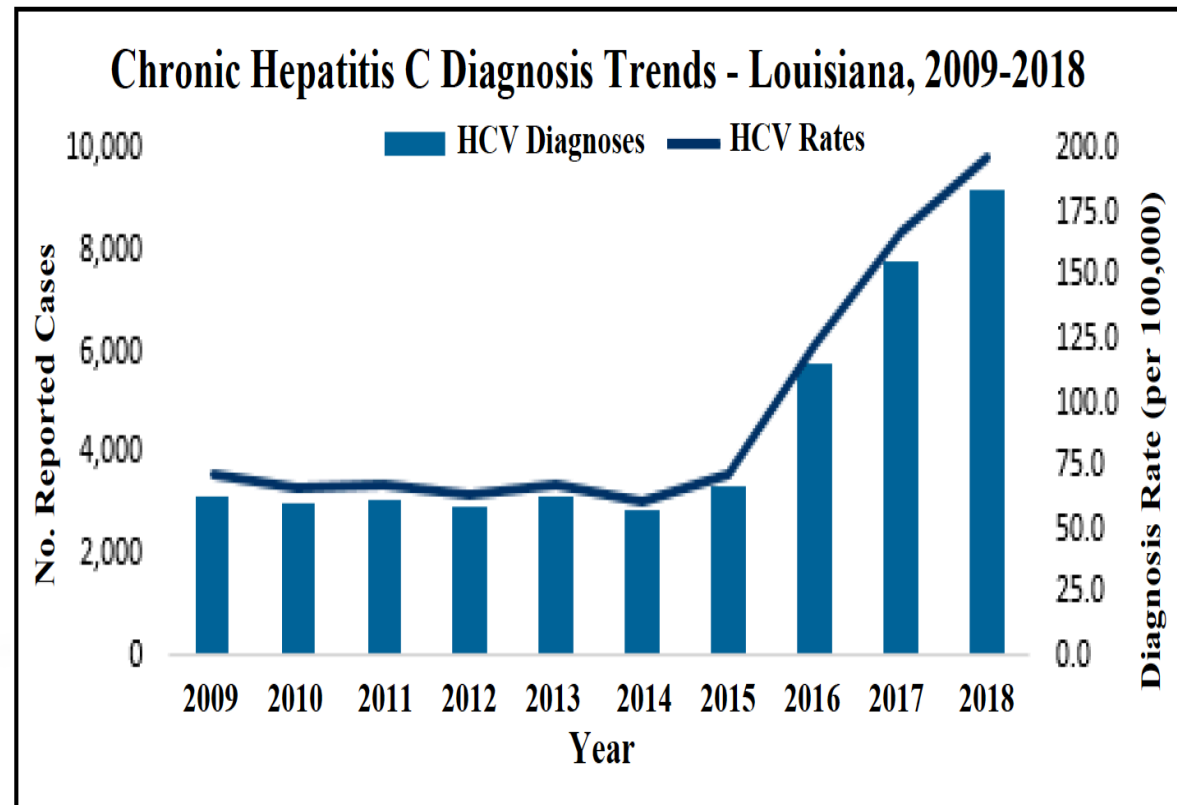
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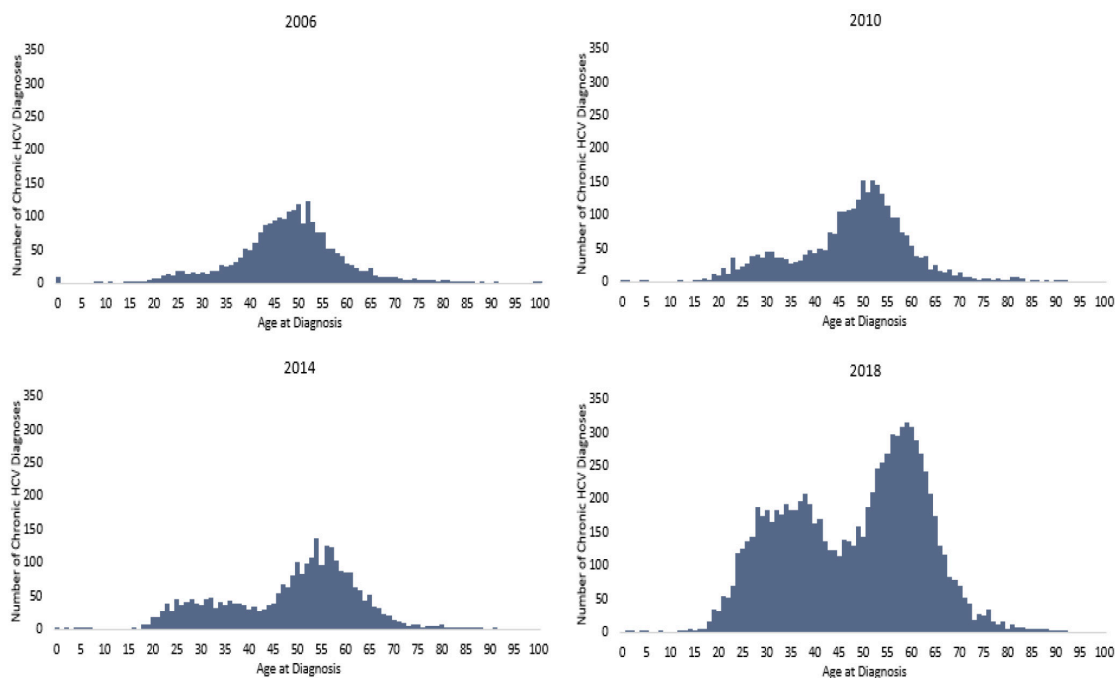


Chronic Hepatitis C Update – Statewide Fact Sheet



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Chronic Hepatitis C Diagnoses by Year of Diagnosis and Age - Louisiana, 2006, 2010, 2014, and 2018



Our big bet

Louisiana will eliminate Hepatitis C as a public health problem

2019 Establish Hepatitis C subscription model

2020 Treat 10,000 Louisianans in Medicaid and Corrections

2024 Treat 80% of Louisianans living with hepatitis C

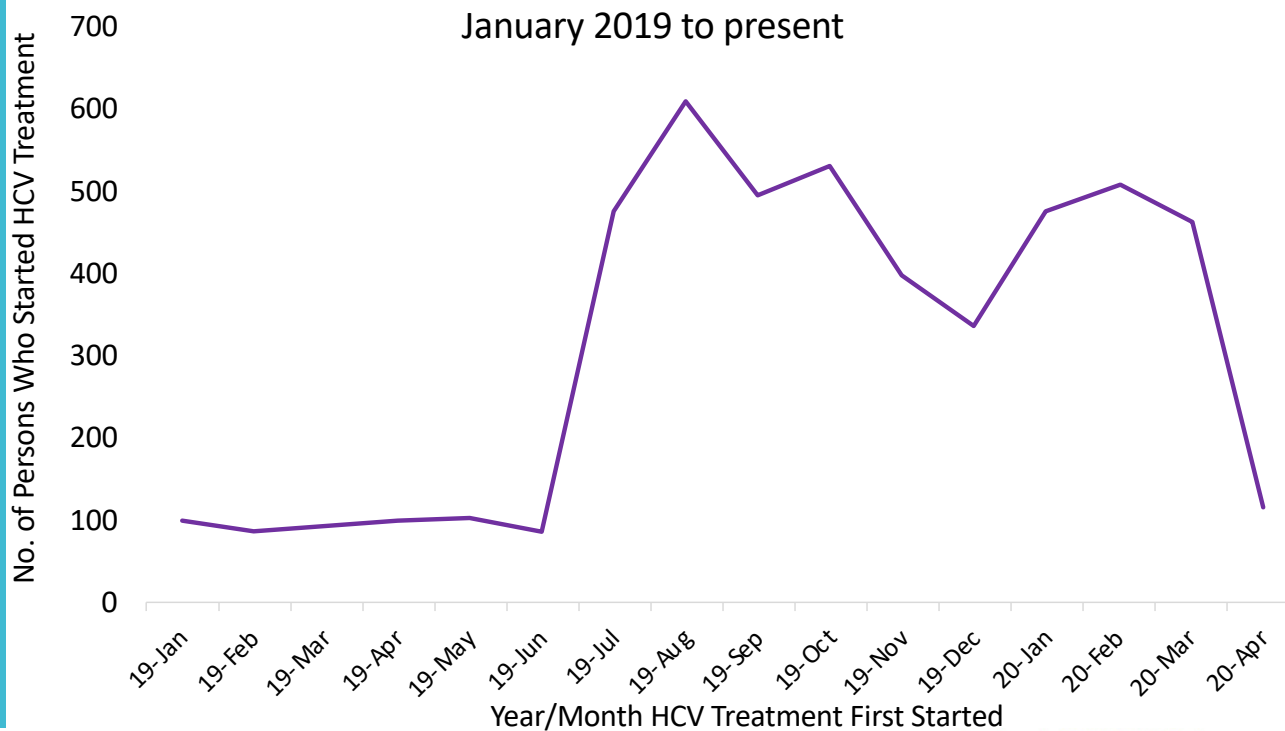


Louisiana's Hepatitis C Elimination Program

- Establish a Modified Hepatitis C Medication Subscription Model for Medicaid and Corrections
- Educate Public on Availability of Cure and Mobilize Priority Populations for Screenings
- Expand HCV Screening and Expedited Linkage to HCV Cure
- Strengthen HCV Surveillance to Link Persons Previously Diagnosed to Treatment
- Expand Provider Capacity to Treat Hepatitis C
- Implement Harm Reduction and Complementary Treatment Strategies
- Extend Elimination Efforts to All Populations Within the State

Trend in New Starts Post COVID-19

Number of Persons Who Started Treatment for HCV Through Medicaid/Corrections by Year/Month Treatment First Started - January 2019 to present



Thank you!

Questions?

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Assessing the COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on Health Department Viral Hepatitis Programs

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Mission and Vision

NASTAD's mission is to end the intersecting epidemics of HIV, viral hepatitis, and related conditions by strengthening domestic and global governmental public health through advocacy, capacity building, and social justice.

NASTAD's vision is a world free of HIV and viral hepatitis.

Assessing COVID-19's Programmatic Impact: NASTAD RFI



NASTAD COVID-19 RFI

- RFI disseminated to viral hepatitis, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Part B/ADAP, and HIV prevention health department staff
- No. of Respondents: 55 Hepatitis; 49 HIV Prevention; 45 RWHAP, Part B/ADAP
- Key themes
 - Hepatitis and HIV capacity has been impacted across all programs as staff are detailed to COVID-19 response
 - Programs are struggling to continue to safely provide access to services, but are exploring innovative strategies, such as home testing, reconfigured SSP operations, and telehealth
 - Programs are beginning to integrate COVID-19 activities into hepatitis and HIV activities
 - Budget impact is difficult to predict; but many are predicting drops in state funding and other budget cuts

NASTAD COVID-19 RFI Results: Snapshot

Nearly **70%** of viral hepatitis programs stated that more funding for viral hepatitis surveillance and



77% of RWHAP AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)/ Part B Programs reported that more funding was needed for either ADAP or Part B.



Over 80% of HIV Prevention programs anticipate a decrease in program participation and retention and **93%** of hepatitis programs anticipate a reduction in outreach, education, testing, and linkage services.



NASTAD COVID-19 RFI Results: Snapshot

40% of hepatitis programs,
almost **60%** of HIV prevention
programs, and approximately
30% of AIDS Drug Assistance
Programs receive funding from state
general revenue funds.



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<https://www.nastad.org/resource/covid-19-updates-and-resources>

Addressing Viral Hepatitis amid the COVID-19 pandemic

Lauren Canary, MPH (Epidemiologist, she/hers)
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Limitations to viral hepatitis response

- Outreach activities halted
- Lower rates of vaccination & testing
- Many syringe services programs scaled back
- Hepatitis A outbreak response under-resourced
- Viral hepatitis programs limited



**Fewer cases identified
and/or reported**

**Increased
transmission?**

Limitations to clinical care

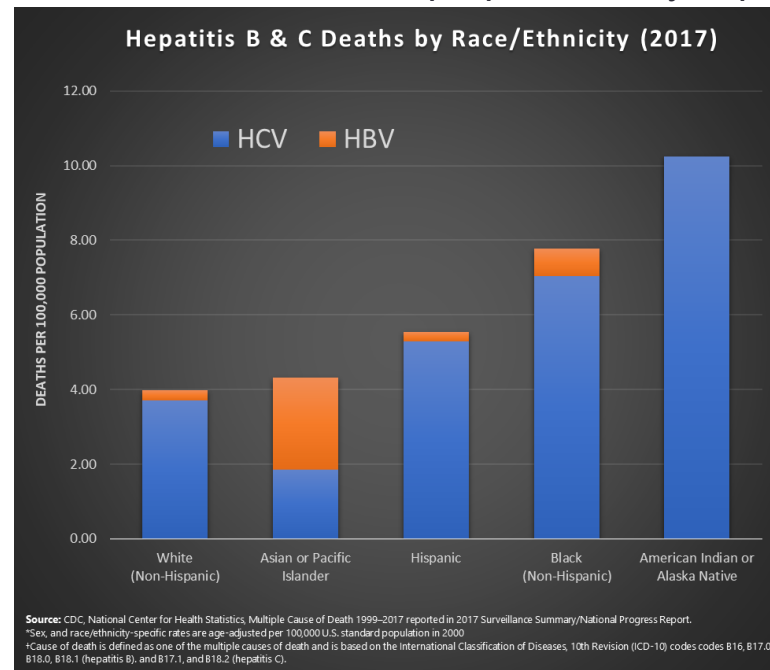
- Viral hepatitis specialists in some jurisdictions overwhelmed with COVID-19 response
- Some not initiating treatment of HBV & HCV
- Labwork and/or liver staging geographically limited
- Patient risk-benefit decision making shift
- Provider education activities for viral hepatitis may be limited



**Limited progression
along continuum
Provider scale-up
limited**

Opportunities presented by COVID

- Greater appreciation for the impact of systemic racism on viral hepatitis outcomes
- Support vulnerable communities disproportionately impacted by both diseases



Mobilize and decentralize services

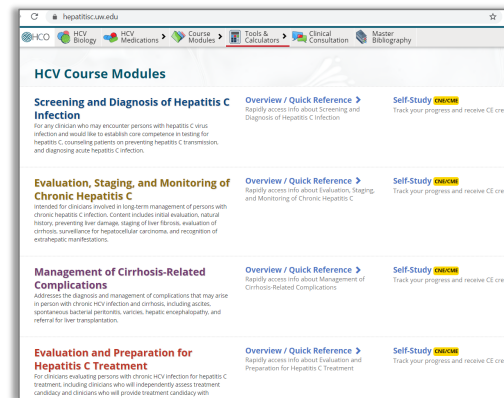
Mail-based services



Telemedicine



Mobile outreach



Virtual education



Bolster public health infrastructure

- Interest among all lawmakers in public health
- Funding for CDC & state/local health depts
- Increased interest in vaccination registries & EMR interoperability
- Investment in surveillance systems
- Decarceration & funding for correctional health services
- Development of novel testing methods
- Opportunity to use hep A outbreak lessons learned for COVID-19 vaccination

How is COVID-19 impacting your community?

Survey for patients, clinicians, community-based organizations, and public health
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 - Tyler Bartholomew, Director of Research and Evaluation, The IDEA Exchange;
 - Dr. Don Des Jarlais, Associate Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Theory Core, Center for Drug Use and HIV;
 - Daniel Raymond Deputy Director of Planning and Policy, Harm Reduction Coalition.



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