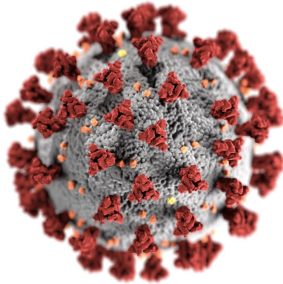




Greetings Northwest Region:



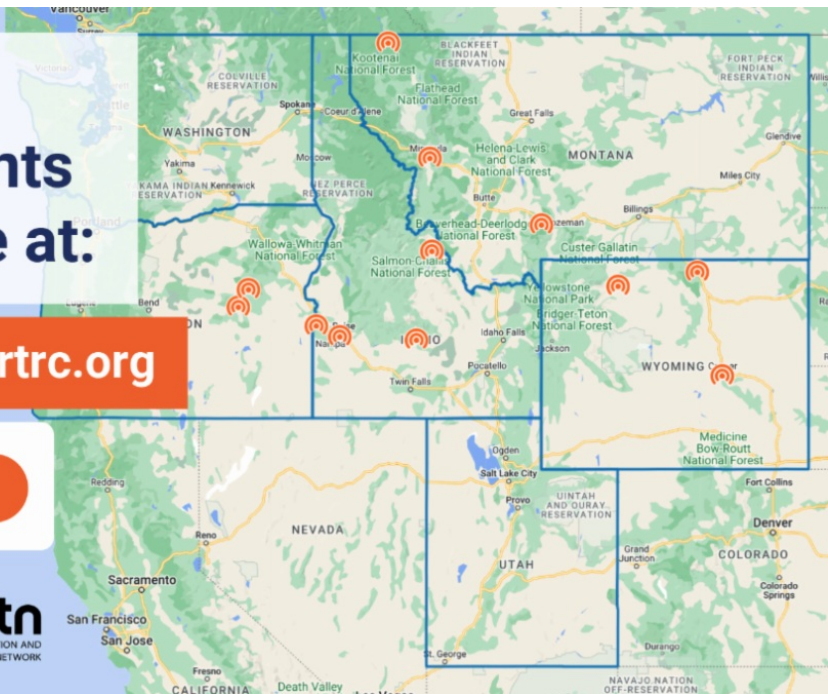
PHE to end May 11, 2023

The Biden administration has announced that the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) will end on May 11, 2023. The end of the PHE means multiple federal regulatory waivers and flexibilities will be terminated, impacting telehealth. Please see the end of the PHE check list [created by PYA](#). The waivers and flexibilities specific to telehealth are highlighted [in this PDF](#).

Telehealth Access Points are now live at:

findtelehealth.nrtrc.org

TAPs



NOW LIVE: [Telehealth Access Points \(TAPs\)](#) are a dedicated public space for people to access a telehealth appointment. These spaces feature an adequate internet connection, a device with a camera, a speaker and a microphone and a private, dedicated room or kiosk where the telehealth visit can be conducted.

To find a [TAP in your area](#), enable the TAPs button on the find telehealth site. If you know of a TAP in your area that is not on this map, please update it by using this [form](#).

**[Participate in an Informational
NCTRC Webinar About the Use of TAPs](#)**



Webinar - TAP into Telehealth: Innovative Models of Telehealth Access Points (TAPs)

TAPs

Date/Time: May 11, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. MDT
Cost: Free

- Join the NRTRC and their partners as they discuss current initiatives and models of patient support along with Telehealth Access Points (TAPs)
- 3 different innovative models of TAPs in Montana, Oregon and Wyoming
- Attendees will learn about creative ways to address inequities in broadband and promote healthcare access options within their community

Presented by:

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Grant County Cyber Mill
Oregon State University, Grant County Open Campus and Agriculture Faculty

Lesly Roose
Accessing Telehealth through Local Area Stations (ATLAS)
Department of Veterans Affairs, Program Manager

Webinar Objectives

- Exploring pathways to utilize telehealth for rural access to healthcare.
- Sharing current practices and considerations of community needs and accommodations in establishing TAPs.
- Building collaborative partnerships within your community to promote patient access to telehealth.

[Register Here](#)

THE TeleBehavioral Health Summit

Presented virtually by the
**Behavioral Health Institute
at Harborview Medical Center**
In partnership with the **NRTRC**

Learn from the summit's national subject matter experts as they discuss critical factors in providing inclusive telebehavioral healthcare.

The TeleBehavioral Health Summit is a free two-day, virtual conference, focused on today's emerging topics in digital and telebehavioral healthcare. Certificate of completion is available upon request and CME's are available for a nominal fee.

Questions? Email bhinstitute@uw.edu.

[Register Here](#)

[Call out for School-Based Telehealth](#)

[Programs:](#)

NRTRC wants to hear from you if your organization is providing school-based telehealth services in the Northwest. Click [here](#) to complete the form, and we will be in touch with you to discuss your program.



Is your practice interested in [improving the cancer diagnostic process](#) for your patients who receive some or all of their care via telemedicine?

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality is recruiting providers for a free 18-month program to improve diagnostic verification, timeliness and communication with patients.

Practices will receive training and one-on-one expert coaching to implement sustainable improvements to effectively close the loop at critical points in the cancer diagnostic process. Learn more and sign up for a webinar about the program on the website: safetyprogram4telemedicine.org.



News You Can Use

- [A HRSA funded study](#) found that patients who used health centers as their usual source of care for three or more years had lower odds of high emergency department use.
- The Coalition for Health AI (CHAI) has released the following guidelines for [responsible AI use in healthcare](#).
- [FAIR Health's Monthly Telehealth Regional Tracker](#) notes that telehealth has climbed steadily the last three month, and was up by 7.3% in January, 2023.
- [Deborah LaMarche Telehealth Excellence Award Now Accepting Nominations for Utah Healthcare Professionals](#): The 2023 Deborah LaMarche Telehealth Excellence Award will focus on providers and organizations who have accomplished outstanding work in telebehavioral health. Nominations should focus on innovative telebehavioral health programs, technology, policy development or training. [Nominate someone now](#).



Upcoming Events & Webinars

[HIMSS 2023](#): The Health Information and Management Systems Society's annual conference unites thought leaders, disruptors and changemakers representing every sector across the global health information and technology spectrum. Join peers and experts to develop, strengthen and learn from the relationship of health and technology. April 17-21, in Chicago, IL.

[2023 Wyoming Power of Rural Healthcare Conference](#): The conference is designed for all levels of healthcare professionals, volunteers and interested community members to provide information and resources on meeting the healthcare needs of rural and frontier communities. April 17-19, in Laramie, WY.

[NCTRC Webinar: Social Determinants of Health and Value-Based Pay](#): This webinar will discuss how social determinants of health screening and actions by providers are being measured and tied into payer and health system approaches in order to drive equity and sustainability in their programs. April 20, at noon, Mountain Time.

[Addressing Substance Use Disorder in Maternal Healthcare](#): Nationally recognized experts present on effective treatment strategies for substance use during pregnancy and after delivery. April 27-29 at Salt Lake Community College, UT.

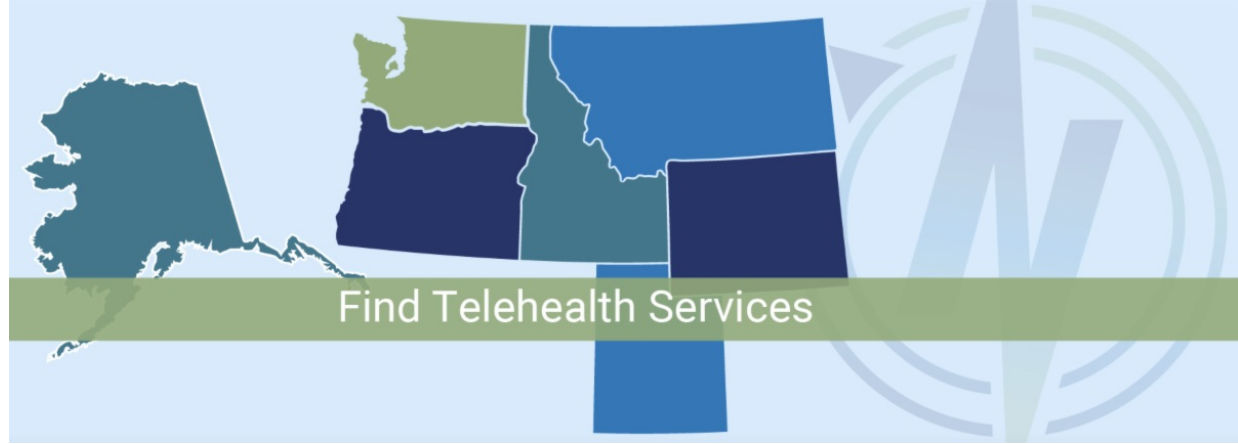
Events to Bookmark in 2023

[NRHA 2023](#): The National Rural Health Association and rural health leaders from across the country will meet to help raise the standard for rural health care. This conference will offer more than 80 innovative, practical and cost-saving sessions. May 16–19 in San Diego, CA.

[Indigenous Connectivity Summit 2023](#): Indigenous communities are among the most underserved with internet access throughout North America. For seven years, a growing movement of connectivity champions has worked through the Indigenous Connectivity Summit to change that. May 22–24, in Anchorage, AK, and streaming online.

[7th Annual ConVerge2Xclerate \(#ConV2X\) AI & Tech in Telehealth and Medicine](#): Partners in Digital Health produces this annual conference to advance the use of artificial intelligence in healthcare. Sept. 22, in New Orleans, LA. [Call for Speakers](#).

[APHA 2023](#): The American Public Health Association will hold its annual meeting and expo, Nov. 12–15, in Atlanta, GA.



Do you provide health care or services via telehealth?

- NRTRC's [telehealth services finder](#) is available to help patients and providers find in-person and telehealth care. Please review your clinic's information or complete the [2023 intake form](#) to ensure that information on your practice and your services is up-to-date. [Click here to update the information on your practice.](#)

Check out NRTRC's Updated Resources!

- [Critical Access Hospital Telehealth Guide](#)
- [The Chronic Care Management and Principal Care Management Implementation Document](#)
- [Telehealth Services and Codes table](#)



Telehealth Triumphs

I work for a group of seven FQHCs in Connecticut as the executive director of our telehealth network.

Now that telehealth has become an accepted means of furnishing care, our next hurdle is to level the digital inequity playing field for our most underserved patients. One of the ways we are doing this involves the use of Digital Navigators.



The ([Navigating the Telehealth Neighborhood](#)) training program seems like one of the most comprehensive training resources for this purpose that I have seen. The fact that it is fully self-paced, so someone can spend as much or as little time as they wish on any particular section or topic, makes me think that it will become part of the standard on-boarding training for those of my centers hiring navigators.

Kudos to NRTRC for creating this great resource, and making it available to all.

Richard Albrecht, CHNCT Holdings Inc.

For this course and more, visit our [online training portal](#).



Northwest Regional State Telehealth Website Links

- [Alaska Collaborative for Telehealth and Telemedicine](#)
- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)
- [Montana Telehealth Alliance](#)
- [Telehealth Alliance of Oregon](#)
- [Utah Telehealth Network](#)
- [Washington State Telehealth Collaborative](#)
- [Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Wyoming Telehealth Network](#)



Telehealth Resources

- [Telehealth Tools and Resources](#): Find up-to-date telehealth tools & resources.
- [Professional Development](#): Visit NRTRC's catalog of online telehealth training courses.
- The Telehealth Resource Centers have gathered resources specific to [Federally Qualified Health Centers](#).
- [Emergency Declarations](#): Utah is the only state in the Northwest Region still under an emergency declaration because of the COVID pandemic. It is set to expire when the national PHE expires.
- [Updated legislation and regulations](#): Keep up with regulations and proposed legislation for the states of the Northwest Region.
- [Research](#): current research opportunities, research articles and survey results.

Grant Funding Opportunities

- Refer to the [funding page](#) on the NRTRC website for updated grant

opportunities.



[NRTRC on YouTube](#)

NRTRC's 2022 Annual Telehealth Conference video sessions are free to view. If you were unable to attend, or want to watch your favorite sessions again, visit [NRTRC's YouTube](#) page.



Affordable Connectivity Program
*Helping Households Get
Access to Broadband*

Find out if you qualify and how to participate. Visit: fcc.gov/ACP

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