

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

HPRC is discussing how we can expand our focus on health equity to more explicitly include anti-racism in our work practices and research, while the UW School of Public Health will be [providing anti-racism training that students, staff, and faculty have recently requested](#) via a letter to the dean and school leadership.

UW President Ana Mari Cauce and the UW Health Sciences Deans, including UW School of Public Health Dean Hilary Godwin, released statements about the loss of Black lives and racism.

[A Statement from Ana Mari Cauce](#)  
[A Message from UW Health Sciences Deans](#)

## [Adapting to Better Support Partners & Communities During COVID-19](#)



While HPRC works closely with clinics that are now on the front lines of fighting the novel coronavirus, every one of our partners — from small businesses to nonprofits that serve older adults — is being affected directly or indirectly. The virus is having an impact on nearly every HPRC project.

We recognize that priorities for our partners have shifted, rightfully so, and we are pivoting to help them meet new needs. Where possible, we are also revamping our projects to gain new knowledge about how best to serve our communities.

Our mission, vision, and values compel us to acknowledge this and adapt the vital collaborations we have to help improve health outcomes for the most at-risk populations, now more than ever.

### Cancer Prevention & Control

- **Survey Federally Qualified Health Centers about the impact COVID-19** is having on their clinical and administrative staff, cancer screening activities, and capacity for data collection, such as tracking patients who are due for screenings while activities are paused.
- **Help the Washington State Department of Health** understand how coronavirus is impacting health systems and their clinics.

### Older Adult Health Promotion

- **Create telehealth guidance** for our late-life depression care program, known as PEARLS, in collaboration with more than 30 community-based organizations.
- **Train organizations virtually** to provide PEARLS to their older adult clients. Our first online training reached 42 participants across 10 states.
- Study how organizations are building rapport and **engaging older adult clients over the phone or via video conferencing**, as well as if or how organizations are **reducing digital divide issues** among older adults.

### Workplace Wellness

- Understand how we can **better assist small to midsize employers who are struggling to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic**.
- **Interview employers** about how prepared they were for the outbreak, what protocol they had in place (if any), and what sources they view as useful or credible for future infectious disease outbreaks.
- **Provide employers pandemic preparedness and infectious disease materials** for their workplace wellness programs so they can create healthier workplace cultures and environment for their employees and communities.

### Mobility Access

- **Shift to online focus groups or video interviews** to safely receive input from community members.
- **Acknowledge the new barriers community members face** in accessing the outdoors safely — sidewalks are not six-feet wide and not all community members have access to masks or feel comfortable wearing them because of racial discrimination.

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