Morning Small Group Questions

- Goal:
- Share with all grantees the COVID-19 training being conducted or planned

Questions

- What populations are you targeting for COVID-19 training?
- How are these workers potentially exposed to COVID-19?
- Can you get access to this population?
- What are the major COVID-19 questions you are receiving from your populations?



What populations are you targeting for COVID-19 training?

Industries	Populations
First Responders/Public Safety Services	Police, emergency medical services, fire fighters, first receivers, dispatchers
Service Providers	Retail workers, delivery drivers, food service workers, domestic workers, warehouse workers, insurance carriers, airport workers, childcare service workers, janitors, utility workers, gas station workers, rail workers, homeless shelter workers, food bank workers, cruise ship workers
Community	Community-based volunteers, faith-based organizations Community center workers, homeless populations, Native American groups,
Healthcare	Nurses (in healthcare facilities and in-home), hospital workers
Government employees	State and local government officials, city health departments, federal contractors
Other	Chemical plant workers, day laborer, safety and health trainers, university staff, port workers, chemical manufacturers, construction workers



How are these workers potentially exposed to COVID-19?

- Close contact with clients, customers, patients, and other coworkers
- Touching with merchandise, packages, and money
- Touching tools and building materials (construction workers)
- Not assigned PPE or improper use to PPE
- Through emergency response (responding to accidents, homes)
- Airborne exposures
- PPE reuse
- Sharing of tools

Can you get access to this population?

- Established relationships with target populations
- Through unions to reach out to members
- Apprenticeships who might be more tech savvy
- Training manager fielding calls
- Work with community leaders
- Through annual training events
- Social media
- Organization newsletters



What are some challenges?

- Language barriers
- Varied levels of literacy (accessing information and interactive activities)
- Technology barriers (access and literacy)
- Lack of internet services
- Determining the validity of sources
- Debunking myths
- Dwindling PPE supplies
- Overload of information
- Getting time to train essential workers
- Access to the right training program
- Practicing "social distance" for in person training
- Transition from hands-on training to virtual only

What are the major COVID-19 questions you are receiving from your populations?

On COVID-19...

- What is the incubation period?
- What are the reliable signs of someone being contaminated/exposed? How long regarding contact with aerosol?
- What is the actual source? Could it be transmitted via other ways?
- Are certain ethnic groups more susceptible?

On Personal and Family Safety and Health...

- How do I protect myself? My family?
- How do I prevent bringing contaminants home?



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On Safety and Health...

- What type of respiratory protection should I be using (N95 vs. surgical mask)? Can I make my own masks/ sanitizers?
- How to properly clean/disinfect?
- What does decontamination look like? (Donning and Doffing)
- How do we test the effectiveness of our measures?

On Training...

- How do I get access to training?
- Do trainers need to wear a mask?
- How to train people who don't have access to electronics?
- How to train students safely?



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On Worker's Rights...

- Am I an essential employee?
- Are employers going to implement necessary changes to protect the workforce?
- How does Right to Know apply in this situation? Can I refuse to work if it is unsafe?
- What are our rights if we are laid off? Will I be paid?
- What is the return to work criteria?
- How can you have in-person meetings while following social distance protocols?