NIEHS WTP COVID-19 Webinar Series

Occupational COVID-19 Prevention and Control in Schools

Workers providing services in preK-12 schools, technical schools, colleges, and universities are faced with environments that put them in proximity with other workers, students, visitors, and parents. These circumstances, matched with the lack of a clear national strategy and standards for protection, put workers at risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

This webinar, hosted by the NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP), will: provide a scientific basis for recommendations to prevent exposure to infectious agents; showcase model programs; and address ongoing challenges with proper ventilation, distancing, masking, and vaccine uptake. The panel will include NIEHS WTP grantees and national leaders who represent teachers’ unions, university-based program leads, and occupational health professionals who have built successful programs while being up against remarkable challenges.

Learning Objectives:
• Describe current recommendations for occupational infection prevention and control (IPC) of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases in schools.
• Define and showcase elements of school-based IPC programs.
• Identify ongoing challenges with universal masking and vaccine uptake for both workers and students.
• Illustrate how addressing the current COVID-19 pandemic can impact future infectious disease threats.

English and Spanish interpretation will be available during this webinar.

Event registration:
https://nih.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_9wu8fCkwSvyWknFVW4aqGw

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