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Introduction to
Illinois Community
Health Centers

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Objectives

Objective 1: Introduction to the Illinois Primary Health Care Association

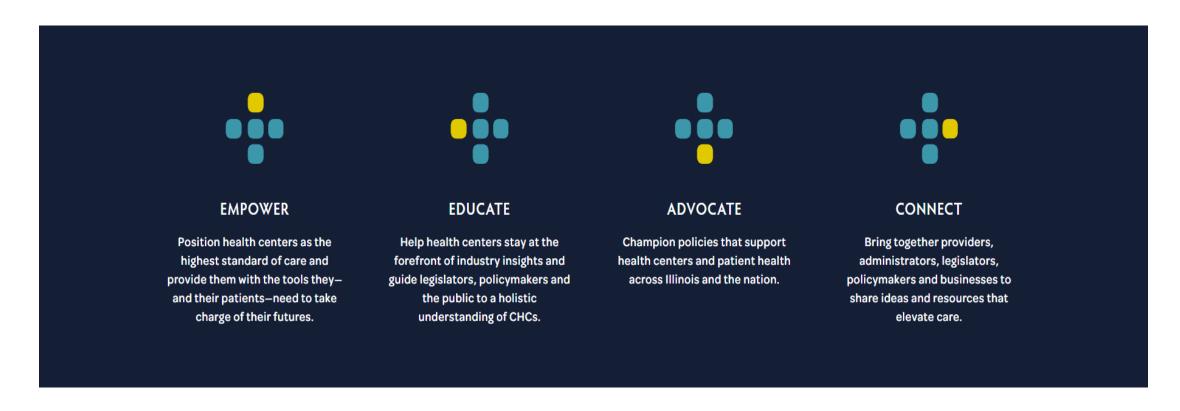
Objective 2: Overview of Community Health Center Services

Objective 3: Where to Find Community Health Centers + How to Access Care



Who Is the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA)?

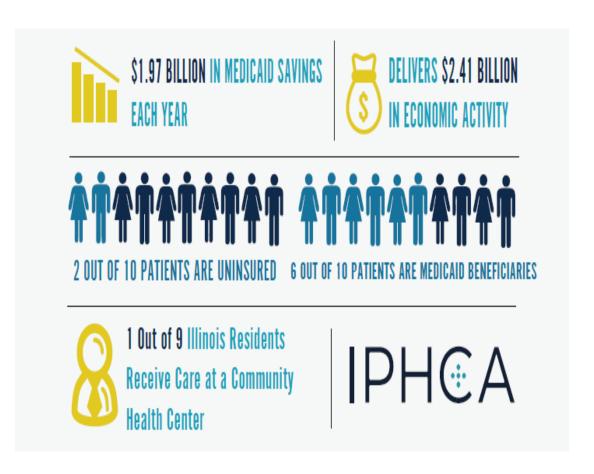
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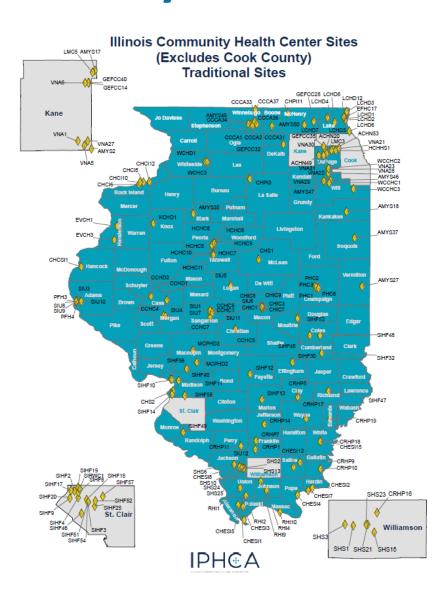
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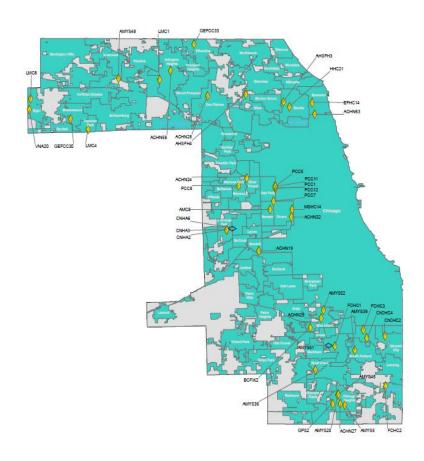
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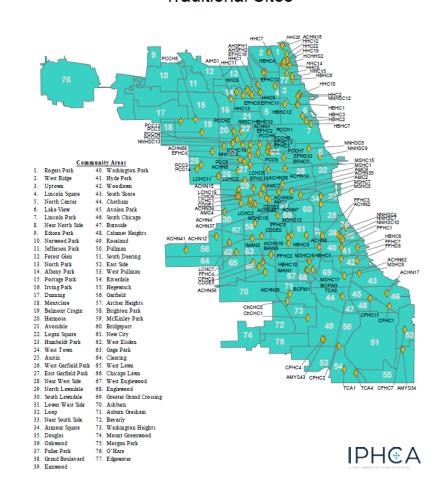


Where Are Community Health Centers?

Cook County Community Health Center Sites (Excludes Chicago)



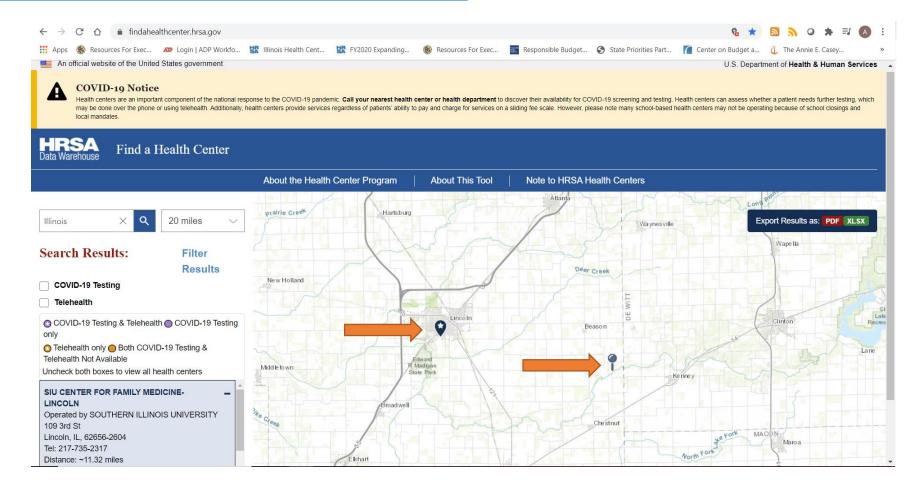
Chicago Community Health Center Sites Traditional Sites





Where Are Community Health Centers?

 Find a Community Health Center Near You: https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/





What Do Community Health Centers Do?

- Community Health Centers offer high-quality, comprehensive primary care at low to no cost including:
 - Preventative and routine medical care like annual check-ups, physicals, immunizations, coughs & colds, common infections, women's health, pre-natal care, chronic disease management (e.g., diabetes, asthma, depression), and much more!
 - Behavioral health care like mental health and substance use treatment
 - Dental care
 - Vision
 - **Pharmacy** to enable prescription medication access
 - **Specialized Services** vary by location and may include drop-in centers, urgent care, and dental for individuals with special needs.



What Do Community Health Centers Do?

- In addition to providing care, Community Health Centers also help patients get connected to programs and supports needed to live well and stay healthy.
 - Apply for health coverage and other public benefits like WIC, SNAP (Link Card)
 - Referrals to social services
 - Referrals to **specialists**
 - Translation
 - Transportation
 - Case Management
 - Care Coordination
 - Health Education
 - Community Outreach



What Do Community Health Centers Do?

- Many Community Health Centers are offering COVID testing and vaccination.
 - Walk-up, drive-through, and mobile sites
 - Some first come first serve and others appointment-only. Call ahead to be sure.
 - Find a CHC Near You at: www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov
- Telehealth is available during the public health emergency.









Who Are Community Health Center Patients?

- Everyone!
- CHCs serve patients across the lifespan, from babies to seniors.
- All individuals served <u>regardless</u> of:
 - Insurance type or coverage, including Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and the uninsured
 - Immigration status
 - Income or ability to pay sliding scale available; assistance applying for health coverage









Resources

- Find a Health Center Near You: www.findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov
- IL Primary Health Care Association: www.iphca.org
- National Association of Community Health Centers; Video from CHC Patients: https://www.nachc.org/about/about-our-health-centers/what-is-a-health-center/



Thank You!

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