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NVHR is excited to announce the launch of Hepatitis Advocacy Learning Online (HALO), a virtual learning program focusing on advocacy skill building and problem solving. The pilot program is set to start in January and will consist of five monthly 90-minute online sessions. HALO is open to people who have lived/living experience with HAV, HBV and/or HCV in the United States who want to increase their advocacy skills.

[Click here](#) to learn more about HALO, including program goals, details and schedule. Click the button below to register. Please reach out to Community Engagement Coordinator Robin Lord Smith with any questions: [robin@nvhr.org](mailto:robin@nvhr.org)

[Register Now](#)



**First Session: January 12, 2022**

A new virtual learning program from NVHR, join us monthly to build your advocacy and problem solving skills and network with viral hepatitis advocates across the country!

## **HEPATITIS ADVOCACY LEARNING ONLINE (HALO)**

### **TAKE ACTION**

#### **Help Inform Communities about the New HBV Vaccination Recommendation**

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Following the FDA's recommendation for universal hepatitis B vaccination for all people ages 19-59, Hep B United is driving awareness around the new guidelines and why they are important via local media outreach.

#### **Take Action TODAY!**

Utilize Hep B United's press release template for local media outreach to raise awareness about ACIP's updated hepatitis B guidelines.

[Click Here to Download the Template](#)

## POLICY UPDATES

FDA Reclassifies Certain Hepatitis C Diagnostic Tests, Simplifying the Pathway to Approval. The [reclassification](#) is a win for the viral hepatitis community, as it will encourage manufacturers to seek approval for point-of-care HCV RNA tests in the U.S. to reduce the time, cost and barriers to diagnosing HCV. Read NVHR's [statement](#) in response to the change.

## FROM THE COMMUNITY



### NVHR December Grassroots Advocacy Call

The topic of this month's grassroots advocacy call is **HCV Point of Care Diagnostics**. Join NVHR and Treatment Access Group (TAG) for a discussion on what it will take to make rapid HCV point of care diagnostics a reality in the United States. Dr. Anne Gaynor from the Association of Public Health Laboratories (APHL) will walk us through the recent [FDA announcement](#) to reclassify HCV diagnostics.

The CDC and APHL recently co-hosted webinars on "Identifying High-Priority Diagnostic Approaches for Advancing Hepatitis C Elimination in the U.S." Check out the recordings [here](#).

Thursday, December 16 at 3:00 PM ET

[Register Here](#)



## Hep ElimINATION Launch Webinar

Join the O'Neill Institute, the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, and the Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation for the Hep ElimINATION launch webinar. Hep ElimINATION will be releasing the grades assessing the policy landscape and programmatic strategies impacting viral hepatitis elimination in the 50 states, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 3:00 PM ET**

[Register Here](#)

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## Apply for SAMHSA's Harm Reduction Grant Program

SAMHSA is now accepting applications for its new SAMHSA Harm Reduction grand program and expects to issue \$30 million in grant awards. The funding will help increase access to a range of community harm reduction programs and support harm reduction service providers as they work to help prevent overdose deaths and reduce health risks often associated with drug use.

**Application Due Date is Monday, February 7, 2022**

[Learn More Here](#)

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## Take Hep B United's Quiz to See How Well You #KnowHepB

How well do you know hepatitis B? How is hepatitis B transmitted? Who should get tested for hepatitis B? To wrap up the year, test your knowledge and share Hep B United's hepatitis B quiz from the [Know Hepatitis B \(KHB\) Campaign!](#)

This 10-question true-false quiz lets people test their hepatitis B knowledge and is an interactive way to engage with clients at testing events.

Take the Quiz! It's available in [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Korean](#) and [Vietnamese](#).

## LATEST NEWS

The Hill (Opinion by Michael Ninburg): [Hepatitis C treatment example of innovation, market competition – and unfinished business](#)

Virginia Mercury: [Virginia Medicaid is removing its final barrier to treatment for hepatitis C](#)

Rhode Island Medical Journal: [One Small Step for Rhode Island Medicaid, One Giant Leap Towards Hepatitis C Elimination](#)

New York Daily News: [Harm reduction saved my life: The case for safe injection facilities in NYC and across America](#)



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