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SHADAC Announcements

50-Page Infographics from SHADAC Provide Snapshots of State-level Flu Vaccination Rates among Key Subpopulation Groups

SHADAC recently released two-page infographics that examine adult flu vaccination rates as one possible proxy for predicting COVID-19 vaccination patterns for all 50 states as well as the District of Columbia and the United States. The analysis used the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to not only produce state-level data, but also estimates by subpopulations such as age, race/ethnicity, income level, sex, and health care characteristics such as insurance coverage and chronic conditions, among others. SHADAC researchers also recently held a webinar using the data from these infographics, a recording of which can be found here.

SHADAC Blog Series on COVID Vaccination Rates Using the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey (HPS)

The latest wave of the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey (HPS) has included early estimates for COVID-19 vaccination take-up across the United States. Using these data, SHADAC has produced vaccination rates for overall populations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and by certain demographic subgroups (age, race/ethnicity, income level, etc.). SHADAC's initial examination of the survey results is also presented in an ongoing series of blog posts from each phase of data collection from January 6 to January 18, January 20 to February 1, and February 3 to February 15, 2021.

Latest Updates to SHADAC's Minnesota Uninsured Profile Tool

Supported by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of Minnesota, a group of researchers from SHADAC has recently updated the Minnesota Uninsured Profile Tool—a unique data resource that provides rates, counts, and summary of characteristics of the uninsured in Minnesota at the ZIP code, county, economic development region, legislative district, and state levels. The purpose of this tool is to target enrollment and efforts to increase access to health insurance coverage. This latest refresh includes estimates from 2019, the most recent data year available, and an accompanying video tutorial that walks users through a demonstration of the profile's features, where they are located, and how they can be used.

Data, Analysis, and Trends from the States

California Health Interview Survey (CHIS): New Data Feature - AskCHIS Neighborhood Edition (NE)

The University of California (UCLA) Health Policy Research Center has unveiled a new data dissemination and visualization feature from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), the *Ask*CHIS Neighborhood Edition which provides health data at the census tract, ZIP code, city, county, and legislative district levels. Health data topics include measures of chronic conditions, access to health care, health behaviors and food insecurity, among others. This new tool features data from the 2018 CHIS, with plans for further data updates in the near future.

Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS): 2019 Data on Unfair Treatment while Receiving Medical Care

A new report from the Colorado Health Institute (CHI) shows that approximately 15% of Coloradans (620,000 people) reported experiencing unfair treatment when either seeking or receiving medical care at some point in their life. Results showed that overall, women were more likely to be disproportionately affected by unfair treatment as opposed to men (17.9% vs. 11.8%); however, males without insurance coverage reported the highest levels of unfair treatment at 34.4% compared to males with public insurance (13.7%) and males

with private insurance (8.1%).

Oregon Health Authority (OHA): Report on Collecting Race, Ethnicity, Language and Disability (REALD) Data Amidst COVID-19

In response to recent state legislation, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) has published a report on the efforts to improve the collection of race, ethnicity, language, and disability (REALD) data during all health care encounters (e.g., testing, cases, hospitalizations, etc.) for reportable COVID-19 conditions. The report outlines the importance of REALD data, analyzes current available data for completeness and quality, and discusses strategies for overcoming challenges regarding data collection methods and limitations.

Payment and Delivery System Advancement in the States

Strategies and Options for Creating an Advanced Child Health Delivery System: Lessons Learned in California

A collaborative new brief from Manatt Health, DCR Initiatives, and the Center for the Study of Social Policy presents strategies for developing and implementing an equitable "Advanced Child Health Delivery System" in the state of California. The analysis proposes using lessons learned from recently passed child development state policies, as well as leveraging the considerable resources of the state's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal), to produce a step-by-step implementation plan for both the short term (1 year months) and long term (2-5 years).

Ten Years of Progress and Lessons Learned from the CMMI

Approximately a decade ago, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) created the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) in order to test innovative payment and service delivery models that would transform health care systems from paying for volume to paying for value. A new article from the current CMMI director reflects on the success and challenges faced by the Center, such as voluntary participation by states, establishing benchmarking, and improving operating capabilities, in working to deliver on its promise to lower costs and improve quality when both modifying existing models and designing new models.

Other Data News & SHADAC Resources

National Health Interview Survey (NHIS): 2020 Health Insurance Coverage Early Release Estimates

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) recently released health insurance coverage data from the first half of 2020 (January-June) as part of their National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) Early Release program. Surprisingly, coverage estimates for nonelderly adult showed little change from the previous year (13.4% were uninsured, 20.8% had public coverage, and 67.9% had private coverage in 2020 as compared to 14.7%, 20.4%, and 66.8%, respectively, from January to June 2019). However, an accompanying report pointed to a large drop in response rates as a potential source of explanation.

SHADAC COVID-19 State Survey Resource Update: February 2021

First developed by SHADAC in July of 2020, a resource aimed at capturing "State-Specific Surveys Encompassing Residents' COVID-19 Experiences" has been updated with the latest results from a scan of all 50 states. Via the interactive map, users are able to access information on COVID-19-based population surveys in 41 states—an additional six states since the last update. SHADAC also added a number of within-state surveys (e.g., 4 new surveys were identified in California, bringing the state total to 13) and new multistate and regional surveys as they met the search criteria.

Other Resources

UMN School of Public Health to Establish "Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity" with gift from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota School of Public Health recently received a $5 million dollar gift from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota that will be used to found a new center dedicated to addressing and uprooting structural racism's impact on health and healthcare. Created and led by Dr. Rachel Hardeman, Associate Professor and Blue Cross Endowed Professor of Health and Racial Equity, the Center for Antiracism Research for Health Equity aims to develop new research regarding the impact of racism on health; foster community engagement; develop education and training on structural racism, antiracism, and health inequities; change the narrative about race and racism; and serve as a trusted resource on issues related to racism and health equity.

UMN Mini Medical School Webinar Series Focuses on "The Way Forward" through COVID-19

A [new webinar series](#) from the Office of Academic Clinical Affairs at the University of Minnesota examines emerging questions and new developments around COVID-19 from the perspective of health care experts, such as vaccine development and availability, the virus' impact on health equity, and signs and symptoms of a subset of the disease known as "long COVID." Recordings for each of the three webinar sessions, "*COVID-19 Vaccines, Variants, & Evolution*"; "*Advancing Health Equity During a Pandemic*" (featuring SHADAC Director Dr. Lynn A. Blewett); and "*Long COVID*" are all available for viewing.

Recommended Reading

[Minnesota's coverage dynamics shifted prior to pandemic](#)
Colin Planalp; SHADAC Blog

[MCO Strategies to Promote COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake](#)
Alex Morin, Emily Carrier, and Patricia Boozang, Manatt Health for State Health & Value Strategies

[Walz, Flanagan Announce Groundbreaking Partnership Between State of Minnesota, Health Care Systems on Race and Ethnicity Data Collection](#)
Hennepin Healthcare Research Institute

[One U.S. State's Laser Focus on Data Helps Shrink Racial Vaccine Gap](#)
Angelica LaVito; Bloomberg News

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