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LGBTQ TA CENTER

Equity News

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*The **Equity Newsflash** is a monthly announcement featuring news and upcoming events related to supporting the health and wellness of diverse LGBTQ Californians.*

News & Resources

Share your story: Coping During COVID

Storytelling can be very healing -- and bringing our voices together can support and inspire. The Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS) is inviting submissions for a *Coping During COVID* multimedia library. Share your creativity with a selfie video message, picture of your art, video of a project you're working on, or another form of expression meaningful to you. Stories especially welcome from diverse communities, including LGBTQ+ people.

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COVID-19 resources for vulnerable populations



[CDC Recommendations for COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#)

Describes why people in racial and ethnic minority groups are more likely to become seriously ill or die due to COVID-19, and what health care systems and providers, public health professionals, community organizations, and others can do to help.

[CDC Recommendations for COVID-19 for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

Describes why people experiencing homelessness are more vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic. Includes handouts that providers can give to patient experiencing homelessness.

[Combating Bias and Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)

American Psychological Association article on how to stop the spread of biases and stereotypes that are happening due to the coronavirus.

[Caring for Children with Complex Medical Conditions During COVID-19](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics webinar (18 minutes) helping clinicians understand special considerations for children with complex needs, how to prepare clinics/practices, and how to partner with and support families.

New resource: COVID-19 LGBTQ Help Center

Equality California launched a user-friendly website for LGBTQ Californians with national, state, and county resources; information about testing and symptoms; and links to credible information sources. They also started a COVID-19 helpline: [323-448-0126](tel:323-448-0126)

[Visit the Help Center](#)

Did you miss it?

Our Spring 2020 newsletter highlighted LGBTQ-inclusive **COVID-19** resources and research, with focus sections on supporting elders, transgender people, and families.

[View the Newsletter: https://conta.cc/3avJhg7](https://conta.cc/3avJhg7)

Bill would require COVID SOGI data collection

SB 932, introduced by State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), would mandate collection and reporting of sexual orientation and gender identity data for all COVID-19 patients (patients' responses would be voluntary). These data will help with identifying and addressing disproportionate impact on LGBTQ communities.

[Learn More](#)

Study: LGBTQ patients have more severe eating disorder symptoms

A new study published in the *International Journal of Eating Disorders* finds that LGBT eating disorder patients present with worse symptoms, higher rates of trauma history, and longer delays between diagnosis and treatment than heterosexual, cisgender patients.

[Learn More](#) | [Read the Study \(Open Access\)](#)

Upcoming Events

Virtual communities and learning networks

Webinars from LGBT Health Education Center

Gender Diversity and Affirmation for Children and Adolescents

June 12 | 9-10 a.m. PT

[Register](#)

Dr. Jeremi Carswell and Dr. Kerry McGregor will discuss behavioral health considerations for gender diverse youth, pubertal blockade as part of a gender affirmation strategy, and the holistic care-team approach at Boston Children's Hospital's GEMS Clinic.

Behavioral Health Care for Transgender and Gender-Diverse People

June 15 | 8:30-9:30 a.m. PT

[Register](#)

Dr. Alex Keuroghlian will discuss mental health inequities within a gender minority stress framework, propose culturally responsive tailoring of evidence-based clinical practices, and offer strategies for building inclusive, affirming, and trauma-informed environments within health centers.

LA Pride 50th Anniversary

Virtual

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Christopher Street West, the nonprofit organizer of LA Pride, will be hosting a series of online events to celebrate Pride in 2020. Dates and other details will be available soon.

2020 LGBT Health Workforce Conference

A Call to Action: LGBT Health Advocacy in 2020

June 25-27 | Virtual and in New York, NY

[Register](#)

This conference provides an overview of up-to-date practices to prepare the health care workforce to address the health concerns and disparities of LGBT communities. The intended audience is health professionals, educators, and students, but all are invited to attend.

SF Pride 2020 Online Celebration

June 27-28 | Virtual

[Learn More](#)

The Online Celebration will feature live and pre-recorded performances; speeches from thought leaders; greetings from LGBTQ celebrities and officials; drag performances; and more.

GlobalPride 2020

June 27 | Virtual

[Learn More](#)

With the cancellation of many Pride events, InterPride and the European Pride Organisers Association are collaborating with Pride organizers around the world to plan a 24-hour, live-streamed virtual event.

Gender Spectrum Professionals' Symposium

July 16-17 | Virtual

[Register](#)

Although Gender Spectrum has had to cancel their Conference for youth and families this year, the Gender Spectrum Professionals' Symposium will still take place! The Professionals' Symposium is designed for individuals who serve youth and/or families and are looking for knowledge and skills to be more gender inclusive in their practice.



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