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MOUD and the COVID-19 National Emergency Response

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CA Bridge to Treatment

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Introduction to the **Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE)**

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Brief Overview of the Foundation's Origins, Staff, and Goals

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Founded in 2018, the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (FORE) is a 501(c)(3) private, national, grantmaking foundation focused on one urgent public health emergency – the *opioid crisis*.

Leadership and staff have significant expertise and passion for applying innovation and evidence-based science to significant public health challenges, through biomedical research, public policy, healthcare delivery, and health philanthropy positions.

Now more than ever, it is critical to think creatively, test new approaches, and enhance and expand activities proven to prevent and treat opioid use disorder.

FORE is committed to funding a diversity of projects that contribute solutions to the crisis at national, state, and community levels



Provider education



Payer strategies



Policy initiatives



Public awareness

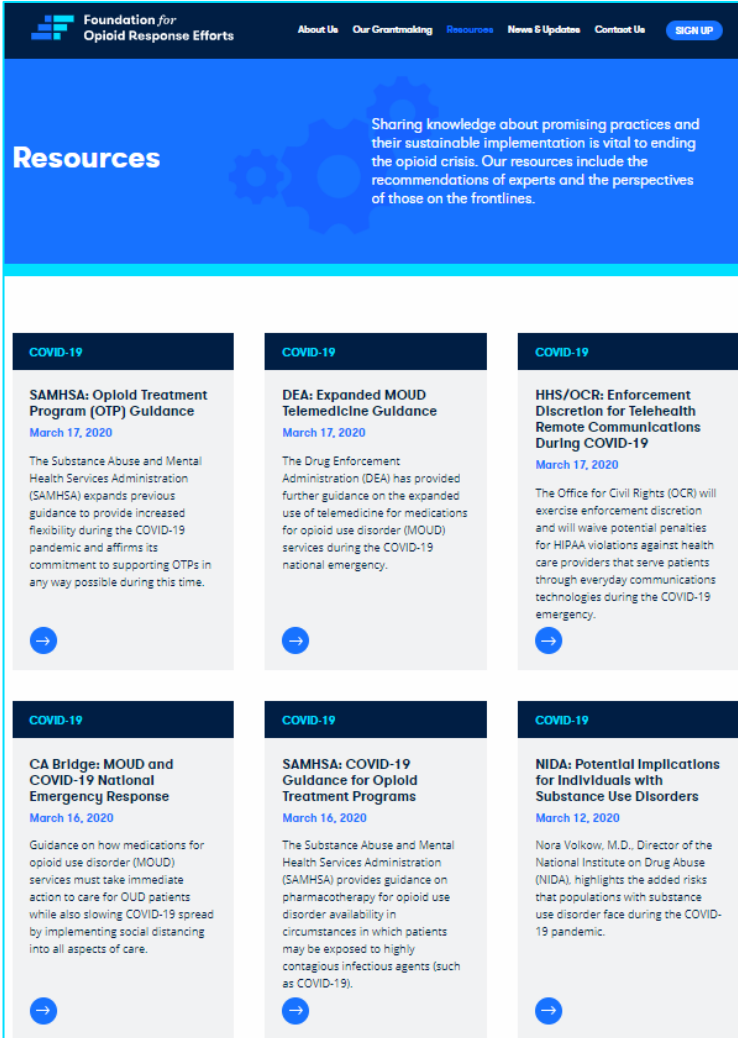


FORE's COVID-19 National Emergency Response

- FORE is looking for ways to provide broad assistance during this time of uncertainty
- Up-to-date Resources
- Webinars
- Facilitating connections with experts and technical assistance
- Submit your concerns and ideas

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Resources

Sharing knowledge about promising practices and their sustainable implementation is vital to ending the opioid crisis. Our resources include the recommendations of experts and the perspectives of those on the frontlines.

- COVID-19**
SAMHSA: Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Guidance
March 17, 2020
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expands previous guidance to provide increased flexibility during the COVID-19 pandemic and affirms its commitment to supporting OTPs in any way possible during this time.
- COVID-19**
DEA: Expanded MOUD Telemedicine Guidance
March 17, 2020
The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has provided further guidance on the expanded use of telemedicine for medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) services during the COVID-19 national emergency.
- COVID-19**
HHS/OCR: Enforcement Discretion for Telehealth Remote Communications During COVID-19
March 17, 2020
The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) will exercise enforcement discretion and will waive potential penalties for HIPAA violations against health care providers that serve patients through everyday communications technologies during the COVID-19 emergency.
- COVID-19**
CA Bridge: MOUD and COVID-19 National Emergency Response
March 16, 2020
Guidance on how medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) services must take immediate action to care for OUD patients while also slowing COVID-19 spread by implementing social distancing into all aspects of care.
- COVID-19**
SAMHSA: COVID-19 Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs
March 16, 2020
The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) provides guidance on pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder: availability in circumstances in which patients may be exposed to highly contagious infectious agents (such as COVID-19).
- COVID-19**
NIDA: Potential Implications for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders
March 12, 2020
Nora Volkow, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), highlights the added risks that populations with substance use disorder face during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Webinar Panel



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COVID-19 National Emergency Guidance

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Disclaimers

- Not a legal scholar
- Check with your health system
- Check with your public health department
- Rapidly changing

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GOAL: Ensure that people with substance use disorder receive 24/7 high-quality care in every California health system.

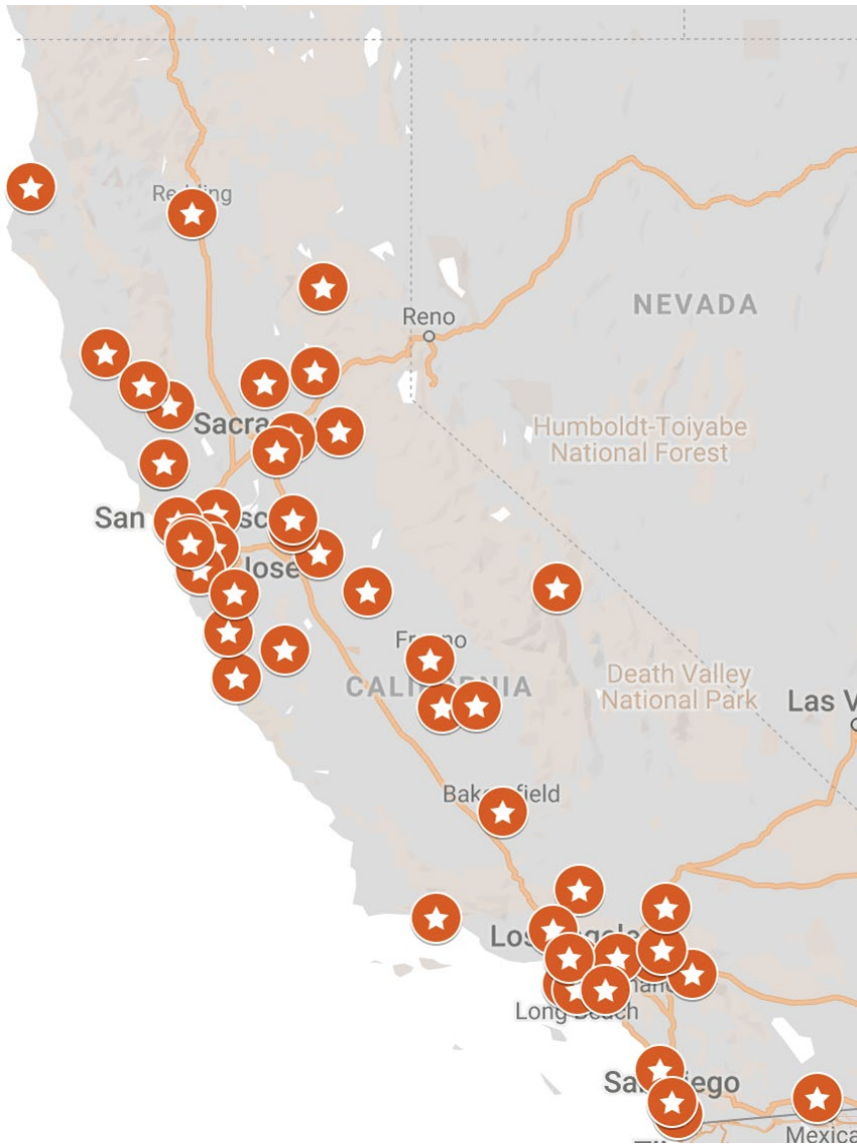
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SUN: Substance Use Navigator

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- Over 50 hospitals
- Over 3,500 patients started on buprenorphine
- Low barrier, high support

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COVID-19 Vulnerabilities

- People experiencing homelessness
- People with comorbidities
- Stigma, racism, fear of healthcare system

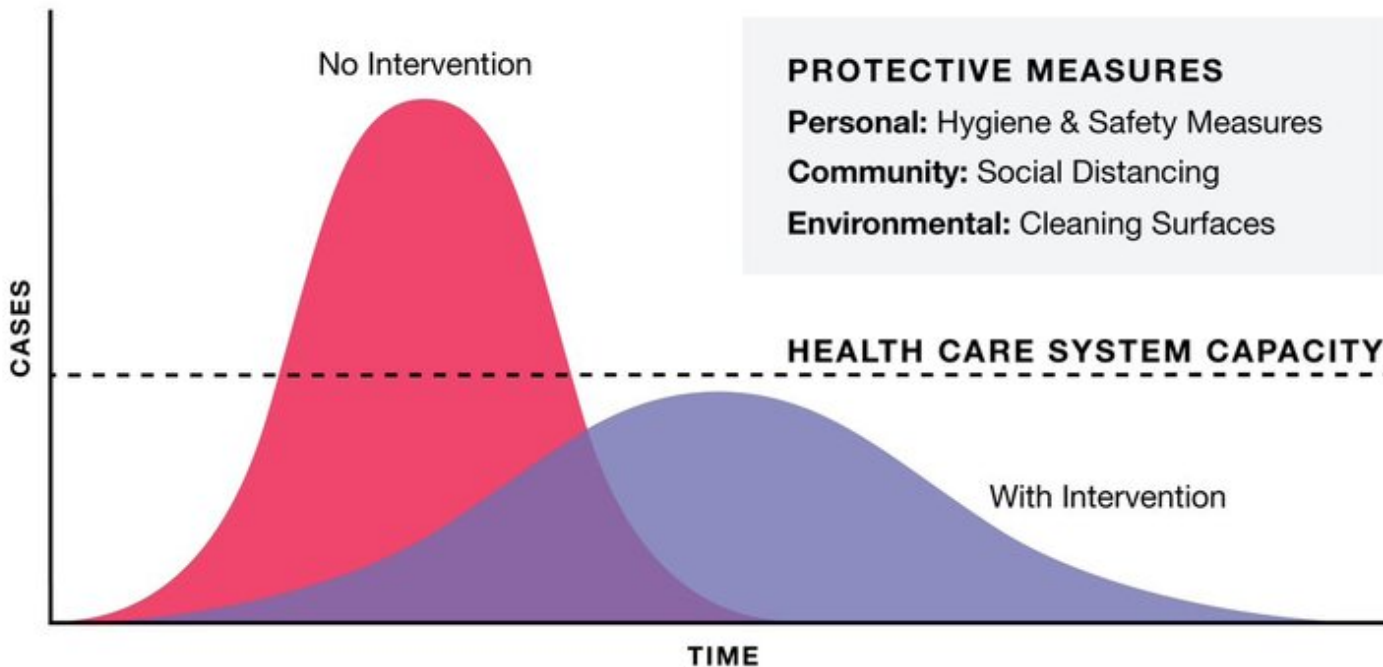
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COVID-19 Risks

- Withdrawal with quarantine/isolation
- Drug supply chain disruption
- Syringe supply disruption
- Overdose with social distancing

Flatten the Curve

Collective action can limit the rise of new COVID-19 infections and help hospitals manage increased demand for care.



Source: CDC

Social Distancing & Quarantine

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- Extend prescriptions
 - Patient selection & safe storage
 - PDMP
 - SubQ buprenorphine
- Home starts
- Telephone-based care
- Groups
- Pharmacy home delivery

Telephones and Telehealth

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- New starts:
 - Audio/visual evaluation without face to face
 - HIPAA: Zoom, Facetime
 - Face to face with phone consultation
- Ongoing care:
 - Phone or audio/visual visits

Harm Reduction

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- Overdose prevention:
 - Naloxone
 - Fentanyl test strips
 - Calls, video chats, <https://neverusealone.com>
- Safe consumption supplies
 - Deliveries, open air
 - Physician dispensing (CA)



Harm Reduction

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- Cleaning space and supplies
- Withdrawal from other substances: medication and self taper
 - Nicotine
 - Alcohol
 - Stimulants



Patients in Opioid Treatment Programs

- Notify immediately if patient quarantined
- Medication delivery
- Clinic-wide approval for take homes: 14 vs. 28 days
- Decreased counseling and urine toxicology

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Wellbeing

- Counseling & groups
- Phone & text support
- Stigma
- Finances
- Patients & providers

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Navigators and Peers

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- Working remotely
 - General
 - Vulnerable workers
 - EHR, phone consultations, patient materials on site
- PPE & COVID policy training

Big Picture

- Increase support
- Decrease in-person contact
- Reduce harms
- Protect caregivers

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Resources

<http://neverusealone.com/>

<https://harmreduction.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/COVID19-safer-drug-use-1.pdf>

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<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/covid-19-42-cfr-part-2-guidance-03192020.pdf>



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Questions?



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