

# COVID-19 Virtual Townhall

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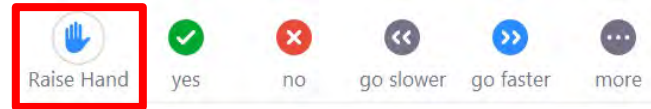
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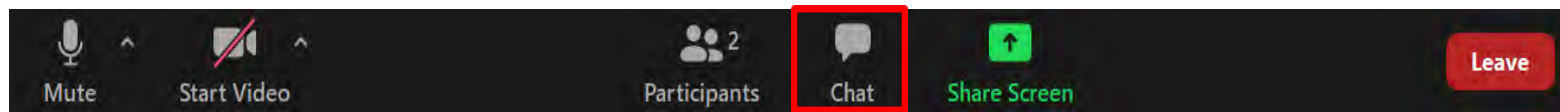
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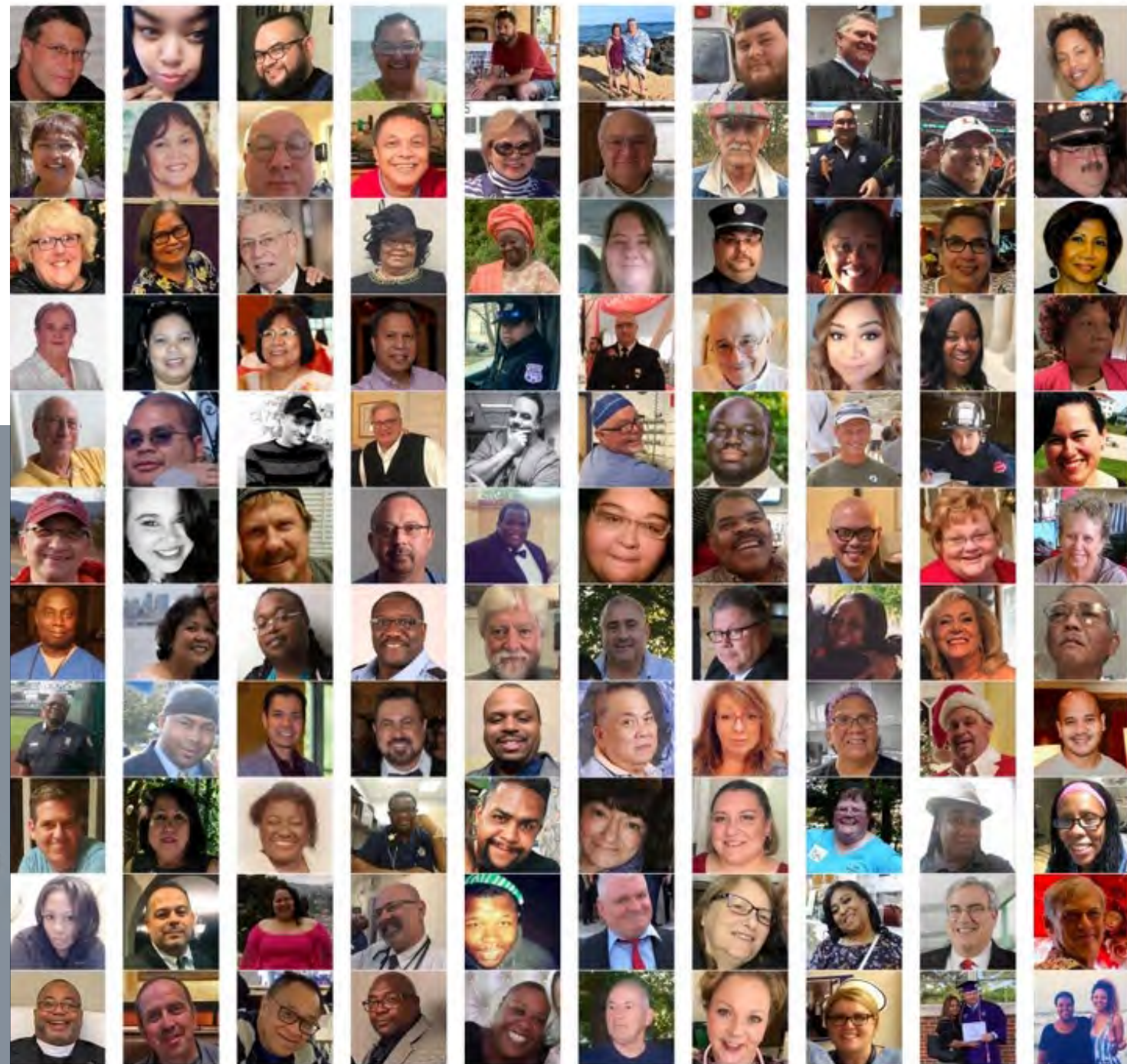
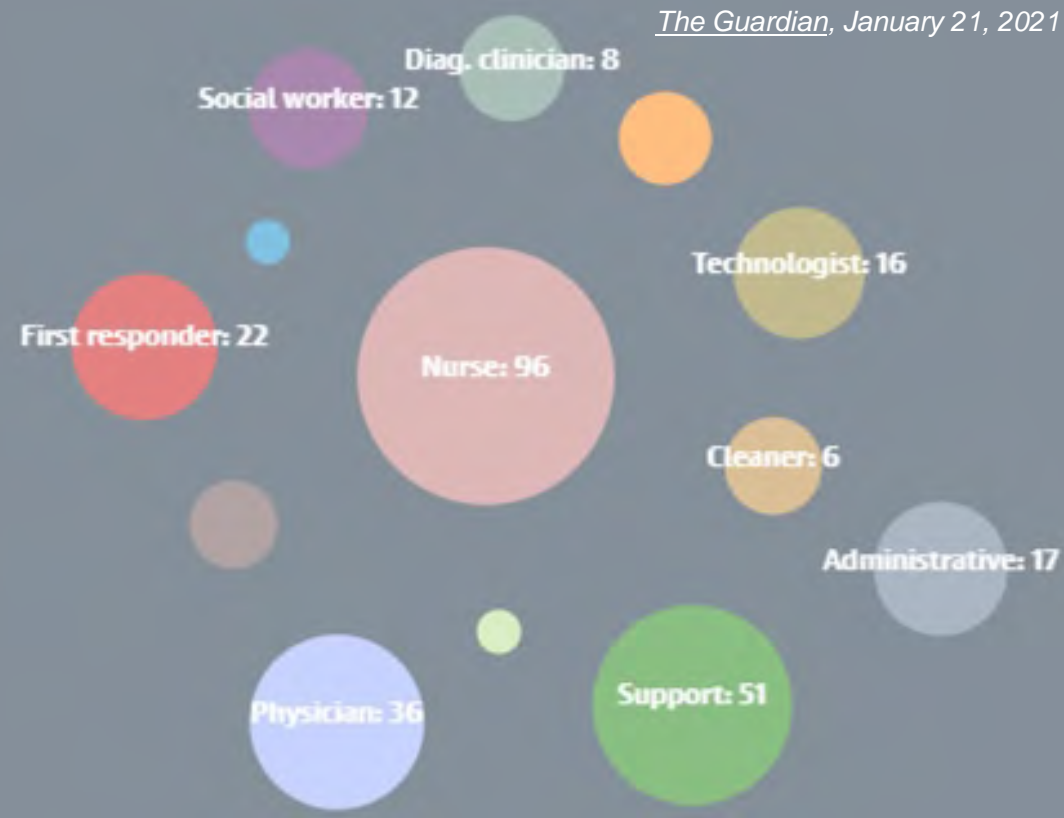
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# Over 3,248 US Health Workers have died of COVID-19

– So far.

*The Guardian, January 21, 2021*



# Today's Town Hall

**Objective: Share challenges, innovations, and successes on key topics related to COVID-19 and its impact on people who use(d) drugs**

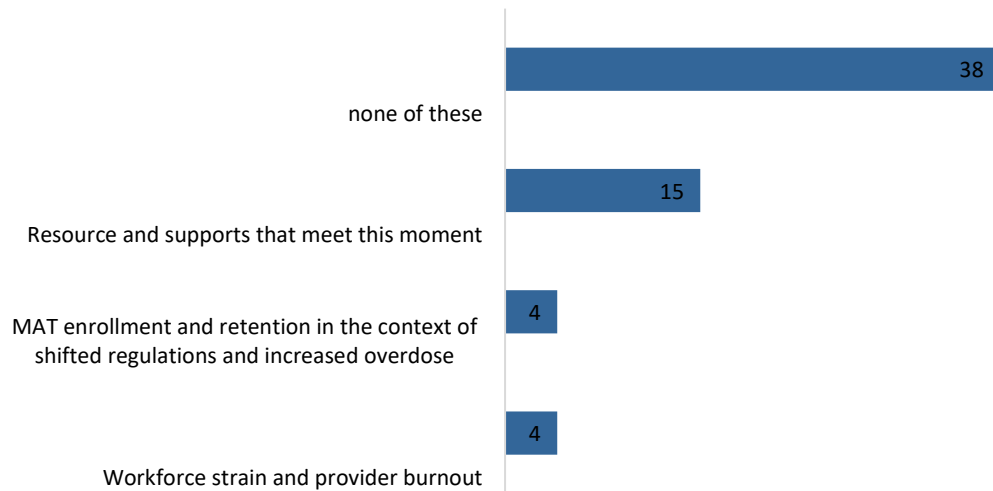
## Meeting Flow:

- I. Summary of Feedback From Last Town Hall
- II. Poll Questions
- III. RCORP Grantee Spotlights and Introduction of Breakout Topics
- IV. Breakout Groups by Topic
- V. Report Back/Open Discussion
- VI. Close

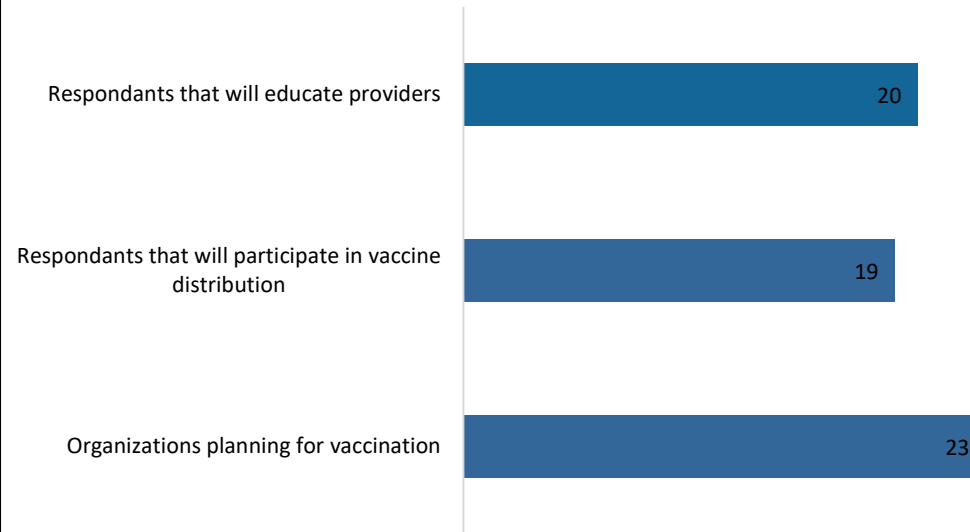


# December's Town Hall

Which area do you see as less important to spend future town hall time on?



Participation in Vaccine Planning, Education, and Dissemination



# December's Town Hall

- We are experiencing a “syndemic” (synergistic epidemic).
  - We are seeing increased overdose deaths due to pandemic-caused system changes.
  - We are seeing increased risk of severe COVID-related outcomes to people with recent SUD.
- Vaccine prioritization may lead to debates, challenges, and frustrations at the local level for the next few months.
- Many barriers and challenges remain to ensure successful vaccination campaigns, especially for people who use drugs, who are a highly vulnerable group.



# Poll Questions

- There will be two rounds of poll questions.
- All answers will be anonymous.
- Participants must answer all questions in order to submit their answers.



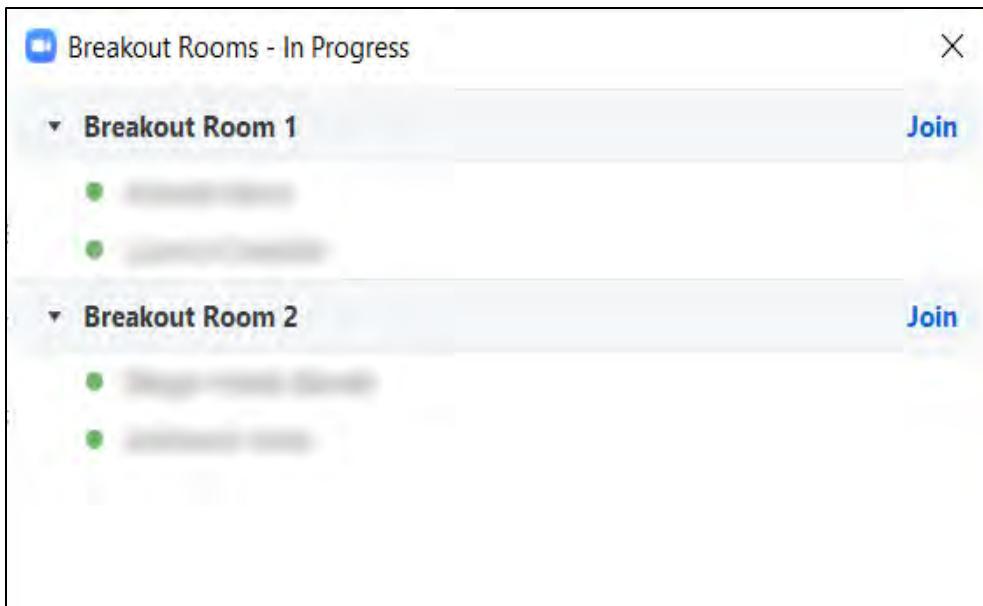
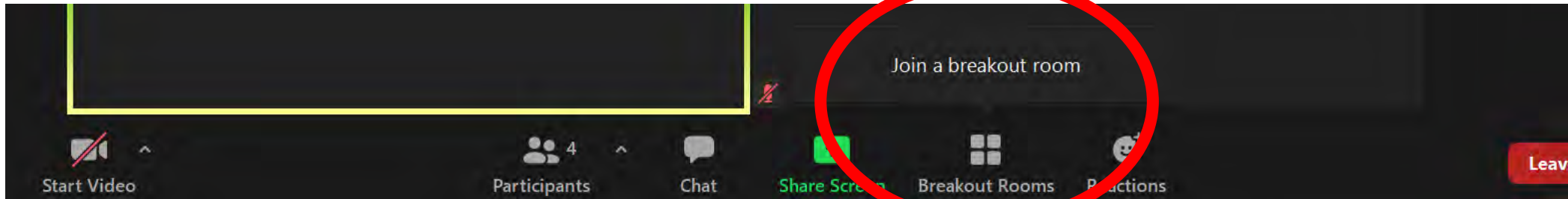
# RCORP Voices & Breakout Room Options

- **Breakout Room #1: Provider Burnout**
  - Heather Regelbrugge, Mendonoma Health Alliance (Speaker)
  - Ralph Cammack, Wabanaki Health and Wellness (Speaker)
  - Lisa Sockabasin, Wabanaki Health and Wellness
- **Breakout Room #2: Reaching and Prioritizing PWUD for Vaccines**
  - Teresa Gardner Tyson, St. Mary's Health Wagon (Speaker)
- **Breakout Room #3: Planning and Implementing Vaccine Rollout for Staff and Target Population**
- **Breakout Room #4: MOUD Regulations and Practice During a Pandemic**
  - Amy Gecan, The REACH Project (Speaker)
  - Vailarie Eubanks, The REACH Project
- **Breakout Room #5: OD and OD Prevention During COVID, Including Naloxone and MOUD**
  - Kathleen Manseau, Family Health Centers (Speaker)
  - Lyndsey Cox, Family Health Centers





# Breakout Rooms



- On the bottom of your screen, you will see an option to “Join a breakout room.”
- Click on the Breakout Rooms option and you will see the different break out rooms, as seen on the left.
- If you are not able to self select a breakout room, you will be manually placed into a breakout room shortly.



# **Breakout Rooms:**

## **Group Report Backs & Discussion**



## Resources:

**Disaster Planning Handbook for Behavioral Health Treatment Programs from SAMSHA:**

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/TAP-34-Disaster-Planning-Handbook-for-Behavioral-Health-Treatment-Programs/SMA13-4779>

**COVID-19 Vaccination Communication Toolkit from CDC**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/health-systems-communication-toolkit.html>

**Provider Training and Education Materials from CDC**

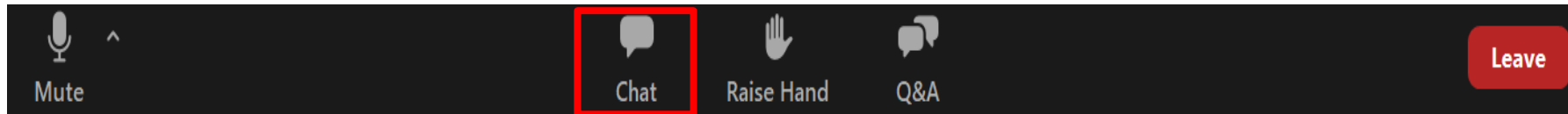
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/training.html>

**Patient Education Tools from CDC**

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp/index.html>

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*Your feedback provides important information to JBS TA that helps future RCORP webinars!*

*Thank you!*



# Thank you

The purpose of RCORP is to support treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, in rural counties at the highest risk for substance use disorder.

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