

# COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned and Implications for Optimizing the Health of Rural and Marginalized Communities

*A part of the Rural Health Equity Series*

The COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented challenge for healthcare professionals and communities. This webinar will focus on the lessons learned, including challenges with healthcare access for rural South Carolinians, historical and contemporary mistrust of the medical system, the need for robust individual and family care during care transitions (e.g., hospital to home-based care), and the importance of social connections. We will highlight innovative models of care and discuss opportunities to support populations, such as young adults, that may have unique health challenges related to the pandemic.

## **Learning Outcome:**

At least 80% of participants will be able to describe an action plan and/or models of care for intervening to decrease rural health disparity rates in South Carolina related to COVID-19 for rural and marginalized communities.

## **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this program, the participant should be able to:

1. Analyze the COVID-19-related challenges faced by rural and marginalized patients and families in rural South Carolina, focusing on healthcare access and transitions of care.
2. Describe the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on social needs, family and social relationships, and related health implications.
3. Discuss innovative models of care to support patients and families during care transitions.

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## **On-Demand Video**

**Available:**  
**April 25, 2024**  
**Thru**  
**April 25, 2026**

**Target Audience:**  
Counselors/Therapists,  
Social Workers, and  
other healthcare  
professionals.

**Price: Free**



## Credit

**AHEC:** This program is approved for 0.125 CEU's (1.25 clock hour) by Lowcountry AHEC and meets SC AHEC Best Practice Standards.

**Counselors and Therapists:** This program is approved for 1.25 hour of continuing education credit. The South Carolina AHEC system is recognized as a permanent sponsor of continuing education by the South Carolina Board of Examiners of Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

**Social Workers:** This program is approved for 1.25 non-social work hours of continuing education by Lowcountry AHEC, a part of the South Carolina AHEC system, as defined by the South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners.

Successful completion of the program requires attendance for 90 percent of the program and a completed online evaluation by the participant within 14 calendar days of the program date. A certificate of completion will not be made available to you if the evaluation is not completed within this timeframe. No partial credit available.

### Presenters:

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