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Partnerships in Academic and Community COVID-19 Testing Research - Puipuia le Ola: Increasing reach and uptake of COVID-19 testing among Pacific Islanders in Hawaii and Guam

Pacific Islanders (PI) have among the highest COVID-19-associated morbidity and mortality rates nationally. This presentation will describe a community-engaged project, funded by the Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations (RADx-UP) initiative, to better understand SARS-CoV-2 infection patterns among PI in Hawaii and on Guam. We hypothesize that culturally and linguistically appropriate strategies may increase uptake of COVID-19 testing among PI, resulting in more precise SARS-CoV-2 infection and seroprevalence rates. Community-engagement research methods will involve collaborating with PI communities to design and implement strategies to increase COVID-19 testing. COVID-19 RT-PCR and anti-SARS-CoV-2 antibody tests will be provided for asymptomatic adult PI in Hawaii and Guam. Progress, preliminary results, and lessons learned thus far on the implementation of culturally resonant community-engagement strategies to increase the reach and uptake of COVID-19 testing will be reported.

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