

Current COVID-19 Community Engagement Contractors

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The following contractors are partnering with the Minnesota Department of Health through December 2021 to engage communities of color, American Indian communities, LGBTQ, and disability communities around COVID-19 information – especially related to vaccination. For more information, please contact the MDH COVID-19 Cultural, Faith, and Disabilities Branch at health.covidoutreach@state.mn.us.

Community Engagement Contractors

Organization	Communities Reached	Geographic Area
American Indian Cancer Foundation	American Indians living off reservation, 6 Minnesota tribes	Statewide
American Indian Movement Interpretive Center	American Indians living off reservation, Disability communities, LGBTQ communities	Twin Cities Metro, Southeast Minnesota
Bhutanese Community Organization of Minnesota	Bhutanese	Twin Cities Metro
Casa de Esperanza	Latinx primarily; also African American, East African, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander	Twin Cities Metro
Center for African Immigrants and Refugees Organization (CAIRO)	Somali, Kiswahili speakers, and Oromo	Central Minnesota, St. Cloud
Center for Hmong Arts and Talent	Hmong, Vietnamese, Lao, Chinese, Korean	Central Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
Centro Tyrone Guzman	Latinx, includes LGBTQ Latines	Twin Cities Metro, St James, Rochester, Mankato, Madelia, Butterfield, Pipestone, Cottage Grove, Windom, Eagle Lake
Convivencia Hispana	Latinx	Watsonwan County, Southwest Minnesota
East African Integration Center	East African immigrants (Somali, Oromo, Amhara and Swahili); Disability communities	Central, Southeast, and Southwest Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
EMERGE Community Development	African American, East African/Somali	Twin Cities Metro
Equity News Network	African American, LGBTQ communities	Twin Cities Metro
Girls are Powerful	African American youth	Twin Cities Metro

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Global Fatherhood Foundation	East African communities, including Kenyans	Twin Cities Metro
Haven International Hope Alive for Vision Empowerment Network	Disability communities, African immigrant	Twin Cities Metro, Southeast Minnesota
HealthFinders Collaborative, Inc.	Somali, Latinx, LGBTQ communities	Southeast Minnesota
High School for Recording Arts	African American youth and young adults	Twin Cities Metro
Hmong Americans for Justice	Hmong, Disability communities, LGBTQ communities	Central Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
Igbo Women League of Minnesota	African immigrants (focus on West African)	Statewide
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota	Latinx, African, Asian Pacific Islander immigrants	Statewide
Indigenous People's Task Force	American Indians living off reservation, LGBTQ communities	Twin Cities Metro
Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association (IMAA)	Somali, Ethiopian, South Sudanese, Sudanese, Kenyan, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Hmong, Karen, Kerenni, Mexican, Guatemalan, El Salvadorian and Bosnian	Southeast Minnesota, Rochester
Karen Organization of Minnesota	Karen and Karenni	Central, Southeast, and Southwest Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
Keystone Interpreting Solutions	Disability communities (deaf, hard of hearing, deafblind)	Statewide
Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota	Lao	Northeast, Northwest, and Southwest Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
Latino Economic Development Center	Latinx	Statewide
Minneapolis NAACP	African American	Twin Cities Metro
Minnesota Africans United	African immigrant	Statewide
Minnesota Council of Churches	African, Asian Pacific Islander, and Latinx refugees and asylees	Southwest Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro
Multicultural Autism Action Network	Oromo and Somali, American Indians, Disability communities	Twin Cities Metro
Native American Community Clinic	American Indians living off reservation, American Indians living on reservation, LGBTQ communities	Twin Cities Metro
Navigate	Disability, Latinx, LGBTQ communities	Central, Southeast, and Southwest Minnesota, Twin Cities Metro

Organization	Communities Reached	Geographic Area
Open Cities Health Center	African American, African immigrant, Hmong, Hispanic, Mexican, and Disability communities	Twin Cities Metro
SEWA-AIFW	South Asian	Twin Cities Metro
Nitamising Gimashkikinaan (Spiral Collective)	American Indians living off reservations and living within Tribal Nations, LGBTQ communities	Statewide
The Aliveness Project	African American, East African, American Indian, and Latinx people living with HIV	Statewide
The Anika Foundation	African American, African immigrant, Latinx, LGBTQ communities	Southwest, Twin Cities Metro
The Power of People Leadership Institute	African American	Twin Cities Metro
United Cambodian Association of Minnesota	Cambodians and Karen	Twin Cities Metro