

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 |
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| 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 |
| Islamic Civic Society of America | African immigrant | Twin Cities Metro |
| 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 |
| Minnesota People of Color Pride | LGBTQ | 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 |

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| 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 |
| Twin Cities Quorum | LGBTQ | Twin Cities Metro |
| United Cambodian Association of Minnesota | Cambodians and Karen | Twin Cities Metro |