



Toolkit for NEW Viral Hepatitis Health Department Staff

This toolkit is designed for new viral hepatitis health department staff to help you get started in your new role and includes basic information, recommendations, key national partners, CDC funding opportunities, and where to go for help.

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Introduction and How to Use This Toolkit

Congratulations and welcome! If you are reading this toolkit, chances are that you were recently hired to serve as a Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologist, or in another viral hepatitis role at your Health Department. The most important thing to know is that you aren't alone! HepTAC is here to help you at every step of the way and we hope this toolkit will help you get started and learn more about your role. Since there are many different types of roles you may take on, for the purpose of this toolkit we will address the two main roles: Viral Hepatitis Prevention and Viral Hepatitis Surveillance staff at state, local, and territorial health departments.

Some of the questions you may have about your new position may include:

1. What information about viral hepatitis do I need to master?
2. What are the scope and limits of my responsibilities?
3. What should I focus on in my first weeks and months on the job?
4. Who are the main people I will be working with on a day-to-day basis?
5. Are there any key documents or guidelines that I should become familiar with right away?
6. What will it take to be successful in this position?
7. Where can I turn for help?

This Orientation Guide was developed by HepTAC to help answer these questions.

We gathered information from new and seasoned professionals in the viral hepatitis field to create this toolkit. As information, the community, and the viral hepatitis landscape is constantly changing, so will this resource. We will add to and update this toolkit as new information becomes available and we need your help to do so. If you have suggestions, changes, updates, or other helpful tips, please notify us at any time at hepatitis@nastad.com. The manner in which you move through your first few months may vary greatly based on your background, jurisdiction, and prior work completed by previous coordinators in your jurisdiction. As most health departments have very different structures, we cannot address every issue you may encounter; however, this toolkit should be a good foundation and guide you in the right direction. Everyone should work with their supervisor and project officer to develop a tailored approach to ensure jurisdictional goals are met. That said, there are still many elements and tasks that will be common to all and this toolkit provides a baseline for how to get started.

Basic Information

When starting in the viral hepatitis field you may come with a broad knowledge of viral hepatitis or have very little exposure. Don't fret, there are a lot of great resources out there to help you learn more about the areas in which you may be lacking. Below we have listed some of the most popular and helpful sites that have everything from basic facts to clinical-level specifics. Read through the sites, watch videos, print out fact sheets - and we encourage you to join listservs, subscribe to newsletters, seek out webinars and online classes and try to absorb as much as you can. And don't worry, you will catch on and soon you will be an expert! To get started, here are some of the basics related to hepatitis.

The term hepatitis refers to inflammation of the liver, which can be caused by a multitude of different factors (e.g., excessive alcohol use, drugs and toxins, chemicals) or from a viral hepatitis infection.

There are five types of viral hepatitis viruses (A through E) and each type varies in transmission, treatment, and recovery. The most common symptom of viral hepatitis is jaundice and symptoms of each viral hepatitis infection can include nausea, vomiting, fever, fatigue, abdominal pain, joint pain, gray-colored bowel movements, and loss of appetite. It is important to know that signs and symptoms a person experiences can vary significantly and symptoms may or may not be present even after years of infection.

Acute viral hepatitis is the early stage of viral infection and can lead to chronic infection—which is a lifelong illness that occurs when the virus remains in a person's body and can lead to serious liver problems. **This toolkit will focus on the three most common types of viral hepatitis – hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.**

Acute **hepatitis A virus (HAV)** infection is spread through the fecal-oral route via person-to-person contact or ingestion of contaminated food or water. Previously, hepatitis A virus was primarily limited to facility-based (e.g., daycares, nursing homes); however, as of 2017 (and still ongoing) there has been a national hepatitis A outbreak that has disproportionately impacted men who have sex with men, persons experiencing unstable housing or homelessness, and persons using recreational drugs (injection and non-injection). There is no chronic hepatitis A infection. The best way to prevent hepatitis A infection is through vaccination.

Acute **hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection** is spread through contact with infected blood or body fluids and can progress to chronic hepatitis B infection. The best way to prevent hepatitis B infection is through vaccination.

Acute **hepatitis C virus (HCV)** infection is spread through infected blood and, less commonly, through infected body fluids. Acute hepatitis C virus can progress to chronic hepatitis C infection. There is no vaccination for hepatitis C infection; however, there is a cure.

Basic Information and National Resources

We have included some great sites to get a further overview of viral hepatitis, vulnerable populations, and social issues. We couldn't possibly cover it all but please let us know if you find or know of a great resource that you don't see here and we'll add it! Also, some sources become outdated or links stop working so please update us if you discover that as well.

Viral Hepatitis General Resources

CDC — Division of Viral Hepatitis Website	CDC's main information website, includes statistics and surveillance, basic facts, and resources.
ABCs of Viral Hepatitis For Health Professionals Website	This three-page table on Hepatitis A, B, and C provides an overview of statistics, transmission, risk factors, clinical features, screening, testing and vaccination recommendations.
CDC — Viral Hepatitis Serology Training Website	Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to understand the different serologic tests for HAV, HBV, HCV, HDV, and HEV infections, understand the serological diagnosis of HAV, acute and chronic HBV, acute and chronic HCV, and Hepatitis B and Hepatitis D coinfection, understand the meanings of serologic markers, and understand and interpret serologic test results.
Veterans Administration – Viral Hepatitis and Liver Disease Website	This site provides information for health care providers, Veterans and the public on prevention, testing, treatment and research.
Hepatitis Foundation International Website	General viral hepatitis information, resources, and online store for VH educational materials.
Hep/HepMag Website	Hep is a print and online brand for people living with and affected by viral hepatitis. Hep and HepMag.com are the go-to source for educational and social support for people living with hepatitis and others wishing to learn more.
World Hepatitis Alliance (WHA) Website	General Viral Hepatitis information, global information, World Hepatitis Day, "NOhep" campaign

Viral Hepatitis – Statistics & Surveillance Data

CDC Atlas Plus Website	HIV, Hepatitis, STD, TB, Social Determinants of Health Data. The intended audience includes CDC staff, federal, state, tribal, local and territorial public health professionals, policymakers, community- and faith-based organization leaders, researchers, students, and those infected and affected by HIV, viral hepatitis, STDs, and/or TB.
CDC Statistics & Surveillance Website	US Viral Hepatitis Surveillance, Surveillance Guidelines and Forms, Health Care Related Outbreaks Reported to CDC.

CDC National Progress Report on Viral Hepatitis -2021 Website	Provides information on progress in the implementation of recommended interventions and the impact these interventions are having on prevention of viral hepatitis transmission, disease, and associated mortality.
CDC WONDER Website	WONDER online databases utilize a rich ad-hoc query system for the analysis of public health data. Reports and other query systems are also available.
HepVu Website	Use HepVu in your work and to learn more about the viral hepatitis epidemic. From downloadable data sets to educational infographics, HepVu offers a variety of materials to help illustrate the impact of hepatitis in the U.S.
Mapping Hep C Website	An interactive online resource committed to improving the awareness of chronic hepatitis C (Hep C) epidemiology in the United States.

Hepatitis A Virus — General

CDC- Hepatitis A Website	Overview of Hepatitis A with resources for professionals and the public. Guidelines and recommendations, immunization schedules, statistics and educational materials.
American Liver Foundation Website	American Liver Foundation makes a difference in the fight against liver disease by providing financial support for medical research, education for medical professionals, and advocacy and information for patients and their families, and by creating public awareness campaigns about liver wellness and disease prevention.
HHS – Vaccines.gov Website	Hepatitis A vaccine information
WHO – Hepatitis A Website	Global perspective of Hepatitis A and WHO efforts

Hepatitis B Virus — General

Hepatitis B Foundation (HBF) Website	The Hepatitis B Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide. Hepatitis B info, HCV co-infection, HIV co-infection, liver cancer, prevention and diagnosis, treatment and management, resources and support, research and news.
Hep B United (HBU) Website	Hep B United is a national coalition dedicated to reducing the health disparities associated with hepatitis B by increasing awareness, screening, vaccination, and linkage to care for high-risk communities across the United States.

Hepatitis B Online Website	A free educational website from the University of Washington National Hepatitis Training Center. This site addresses the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of hepatitis B virus infection.
Know Hepatitis B Website	CDC HBV Awareness Campaign. Includes campaign materials in multiple languages, professional resources and basic HBV information.
HHS — Hepatitis B Website	Hepatitis B overview, guidelines and data
CDC — Interpretation of Serology Website	Table describing Hepatitis B serologic test results
HepB.com Website	Gilead sponsored website with basic HBV information, testing and diagnosis, treatment and living with Hep B. Website and materials available in several languages.
NASTAD Success Stories Website	In recognition of the important work of health department HIV and viral hepatitis programs, NASTAD has released a series of success stories highlighting local programs that address individual, community, and systems level needs and are advancing progress towards ending the HIV and viral hepatitis epidemics. The success stories demonstrate innovation, vision, and commitment to strengthening programs to better meet the needs of people living with and at risk for HIV and hepatitis infection.

Hepatitis C Virus — General

Hepatitis C Online Website	A free educational website from the University of Washington National Hepatitis Training Center. This site addresses the diagnosis, monitoring, and management of hepatitis C virus infection. Module One may be most helpful and appropriate for an overview. HCV biology and HCV medications are also covered.
HHS – Hep C Website	Hepatitis C overview, guidelines and data
CDC- Hepatitis C Information Website	Hepatitis C overview, testing, statistics and surveillance, professional resources, patient education resources.
Hepatitis Policy Project Website	Working at the intersection of law and policy to set a course towards elimination of viral hepatitis in the United States. Priority issues: Data and Surveillance, Access to Treatment and Care, Hepatitis C and Injection Drug Use, Elimination of Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C Virus — General

<p>CANN – HEAL Website</p>	<p>The Hepatitis Education, Advocacy & Leadership (HEAL) Coalition - a project of the Community Access National Network (CANN) - was launched to provide an interactive national platform whereby we identify relevant issues facing people infected with viral hepatitis, as well as facilitate the ongoing framework for appropriate treatment guidelines for this population. HEAL also addresses the unique needs of people co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C (HCV).</p>
<p>Johns Hopkins Medicine – You Tube Watch Video</p>	<p>2.28 minute Hepatitis C overview video</p>
<p>TEDx Talks - 25 Years From Discovery To Cure: The Hepatitis C Story Watch Video</p>	<p>Dr. Afdhal discusses how discovery of HCV led to understanding the global epidemiology and modes of spread of hepatitis C and the recognition that it was the commonest cause of cirrhosis, liver cancer and need for liver transplantation. The development of model systems to look at viral replication led to treatments initially with injectable interferon to new all oral direct acting anti-viral agents. How these treatments have changed the discussion in the US on the cost of new medications and the ongoing plans to bring these expensive treatments to developing countries with high hepatitis C burden.</p>
<p>NASTAD Success Stories Website</p>	<p>In recognition of the important work of health department HIV and viral hepatitis programs, NASTAD has released a series of success stories highlighting local programs that address individual, community, and systems level needs and are advancing progress towards ending the HIV and viral hepatitis epidemics. The success stories demonstrate innovation, vision, and commitment to strengthening programs to better meet the needs of people living with and at risk for HIV and hepatitis infection.</p>

Hepatitis C Virus — Testing & Treatment

<p>AASLD/IDSA HIV Guidelines Website</p>	<p>HCV Guidance: Recommendations for Testing, Managing, and Treating Hepatitis C</p>
<p>CDC Testing Recommendations Website</p>	<p>CDC Recommendations for Hepatitis C Screening Among Adults – April 20, 2020</p>
<p>U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Website</p>	<p>Final Recommendation Statement: Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults: Screening - March 02, 2020</p>
<p>CDC HCV Testing Sequence Website</p>	<p>Flow chart: Recommended Testing Sequence for Identifying Current HCV Infection</p>
<p>Hep C Rapid Testing Website</p>	<p>OraSure Technologies resources on rapid HCV testing using the OraQuick HCV Rapid Antibody Test</p>

Hepatitis C Virus — Testing & Treatment

<p>Get Tested – National HIV, STD and Hepatitis Testing</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Test site locator, basic information and testing campaign materials</p>
<p>Know More Hepatitis</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>CDC Hepatitis C Testing Campaign. Includes basic info, campaign materials, and professional resources.</p>

Priority Populations — Corrections

<p>National Hepatitis Corrections Network (NHCN)</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>NHCN is a network of people with an interest in hepatitis C in corrections. The NHCN serves as a hub of resources and information about hepatitis C in prisons and jails, tracks broad trends in hepatitis C education, prevention, testing and treatment in US prisons and jails, maintains a website hosting a variety of relevant information and resources, develops and produces educational materials for incarcerated people about hepatitis.</p>
<p>Correctional Institutions Are a Critical Intervention Point For Hepatitis C Elimination</p> <p>Read Brief</p>	<p>Issue brief from O’Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law released in March 2020. The brief discusses the role correctional institutions play in the elimination of Hepatitis C.</p>
<p>Centerforce</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Centerforce is one of a handful of community-based service providers to offer a continuum of services pre- and post-release, with expertise in working inside both jails and prisons. Programs include HIV and HCV Education and Treatment Advocacy and Substance Use Disorder Counseling.</p>

Priority Populations — People Who Use Drugs

<p>NASTAD’s Harm Reduction TA Center</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>The National Harm Reduction TA Center seeks to build on proven methods of harm reduction technical assistance delivery – programmatic resource, peer support and mentoring, demonstration and program models – to provide coordinated TA to new and established community –led harm reduction efforts across the US and territories.</p>
<p>National Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>National resources on harm reduction, overdose prevention, syringe access implementation, training and capacity building, policy and advocacy, conference and events, speaking engagements, work in action. Resource center with materials on syringe access, safer drug use, hepatitis C and others.</p>
<p>Managing HIV and Hepatitis C Outbreaks Among People Who Inject Drugs</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>Comprehensive guide for state and local health departments released in March 2018 by CDC.</p>
<p>NVHR – Drug Users and Hepatitis C</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>More than Tested, Cured project; Mini-grants; HCV treatment access; PCORI HERO Study; articles and presentations; resources.</p>

Priority Populations — People Who Use Drugs

CDC- People Who Use or Inject Drugs and Viral Hepatitis Website	Guidelines, recommendations, and resources on testing and immunization of Viral Hepatitis for PWID
CDC-Syringe Services Programs Website	Facts Sheets, national policy, resources, etc.
HIV.gov People Who Inject Drugs Website	Links to many other resources including federal response, webinars, research, reports, etc.
INHHSU – International Network on Health and Hepatitis Substance Users Website	A global network dedicated to improving the health of people who use drugs, with a specific focus on hepatitis C, infectious diseases, and harms that can occur from drug use.

Coinfections - HIV and STIs

CDC-HIV Website	Basic information about HIV transmission, prevention, testing, and more.
CDC-Hepatitis and HIV Co-infection Website	Guidelines, recommendations, and resources for people co-infected with HIV and viral hepatitis.
NIH – AIDS Info Website	Basic info, guidelines, medication, research, etc.
Avert Website	Global information and education on HIV and AIDS
National HIV Awareness Days Website	Information and all HIV awareness days including National HIV Testing Day and World AIDS Day.
CDC-Sexually Transmitted Disease Website	Prevention, testing, treatment, data and statistics, resources, training, etc.

National Viral Hepatitis Plans and Recommendations

We have compiled some key documents that will inform your work in viral hepatitis and will help you get a better understanding of the landscape. The documents outlined below may be updated and referred to often so you may want to bookmark their location.

HHS Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to Elimination 2021-2025

[Website](#)

The *Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan: A Roadmap to Elimination 2021-2025* provides a framework to eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat in the United States by 2030. The Viral Hepatitis Plan focuses on hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C—the three most common hepatitis viruses that have the most impact on the health of the nation. The Plan is necessary as the nation faces unprecedented hepatitis A outbreaks, progress on preventing hepatitis B has stalled, and hepatitis C rates nearly tripled from 2011 to 2018. The Plan provides goal-oriented objectives and strategies that can be implemented by a broad mix of stakeholders at all levels and across many sectors, both public and private, to reverse the rates of viral hepatitis, prevent new infections, improve care and treatment and ultimately eliminate viral hepatitis as a public health threat in the United States.

CDC Division of Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plan, 2020-2025

[Website](#)

In this document, CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) presents its 2025 goals and strategies to reduce new viral hepatitis infections, reduce viral hepatitis-related morbidity and mortality, reduce viral hepatitis-related disparities, and to establish comprehensive national viral hepatitis surveillance.

National Viral Hepatitis Progress Report – 2021

[Website](#)

The National Viral Hepatitis Progress Report provides information on progress in the implementation of recommended interventions and the impact these interventions are having on prevention of viral hepatitis transmission, disease, and associated mortality. In 2020, CDC modified the goals and associated targets from previous reports to align them with CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis 2025 Strategic Plan and HHS's Viral Hepatitis National Strategic Plan for 2021-2025.

CDC National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention Strategic Plan Through 2020

[Website](#)

The three overarching goals highlighted in this plan are to decrease: incidence of infection, morbidity and mortality, and health disparities. Every year, millions of Americans are infected with HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs, or Tuberculosis (TB) and tens of thousands die from their infection. Most of these infections share commonalities, from modes of transmission to demographic, social, and economic conditions that increase risk. As a prevention leader, NCHHSTP focuses on high impact prevention and control efforts to reduce incidence, morbidity, mortality, and health disparities due to these infections.

CDC Recommendations for Hepatitis C Screening Among Adults in the United States – 2020

[Website](#)

CDC is augmenting previous guidance with two new recommendations: 1) hepatitis C screening at least once in a lifetime for all adults aged 18 years and older, except in settings where the prevalence of

hepatitis C infection is less than 0.1% ; and 2) hepatitis C screening for all pregnant women during each pregnancy, except in settings where the prevalence of hepatitis C infection is less than 0.1%.

The recommendation for hepatitis C testing that remains unchanged is regardless of age or setting prevalence, all persons with risk factors should be tested for hepatitis C, with periodic testing while risk factors persist. Any person who requests hepatitis C testing should receive it, regardless of disclosure of risk, because many persons might be reluctant to disclose stigmatizing risks.

USPSTF Screening Recommendations- Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults

[Website](#)

Screening for Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement, March 2, 2020.

USPSTF Screening Recommendations- Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults

[Website](#)

Screening for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Adolescents and Adults US Preventive Services Task Force Recommendation Statement, December 15, 2020.

CDC Guidelines for Chronic Hepatitis B Screening and Management

[Website](#)

On September 19, 2008, CDC published updated and expanded guidelines for testing for chronic Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and recommendations for public health evaluation and management for chronically infected persons and their contacts. Serologic testing for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg) is the primary way to identify persons chronic HBV infection.

CDC Guidelines for Hepatitis B Perinatal Screening and Immunizations

[Website](#)

Perinatal HBV transmission can be prevented by identifying HBV-infected (i.e., hepatitis B surface antigen [HBsAg]-positive) pregnant women and providing hepatitis B immune globulin and hepatitis B vaccine to their infants within 12 hours of birth.

Overview of National Partners

There are several national partners that you will be working with on a regular basis who can provide you with support, resources, funding, and connections. Please take a moment to visit and learn about some of our partners, below, who are integral in efforts to eliminate viral hepatitis. Connect with them by visiting their sites, joining their mailing lists, and participating in their events. *Section to be updated November 2021, including National and Local Partners.*

CDC- Division of Viral Hepatitis

[Website](#)

The Division of Viral Hepatitis (DVH) is part of the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STI, and TB Prevention at CDC. In collaboration with domestic and global partners, DVH provides the scientific and programmatic foundation and leadership for the prevention and control of hepatitis virus infections and their manifestations.

DVH consists of three branches — the Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch, the Prevention Branch, and the Laboratory Branch — that work collaboratively to prevent viral hepatitis infections and associated liver disease.

NASTAD - National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors

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NASTAD’s mission is to end the intersecting epidemics of HIV, viral hepatitis, and related conditions by strengthening domestic and global governmental public health through advocacy, capacity building, and social justice. Interpret and influence policies, conduct trainings, offer technical assistance, and provide advocacy mobilization for U.S. health departments.

NASTAD members are state and local health department staff who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV and hepatitis healthcare, prevention, education, and supportive service programs funded by state and federal governments. Each state, territory, and local jurisdiction identifies its NASTAD member. NASTAD members offer considerable expertise in identifying community needs and responding to the challenges of the HIV and hepatitis epidemics nationwide and throughout the world.

NASTAD’s programs include: Health Care Access, HIV Prevention, Health Systems Integration, Hepatitis & Drug User Health, Policy & Legislative Affairs, Health Equity.

Hepatitis Team

NASTAD’s Hepatitis team provides guidance and technical assistance to strengthen the capacity of state and local health departments to develop, maintain and enhance comprehensive hepatitis programs as they address the continuum from prevention through cure.

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NASTAD - National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors	
Hepatitis Technical Assistance Center (HepTAC)	<p>In 2019, NASTAD launched HepTAC, an online technical assistance (TA) and capacity building center for health department hepatitis programs. The primary goal of HepTAC is to build state and local technical expertise and enhance health department capacity to eliminate viral hepatitis. Direct technical assistance is provided primarily via the online platform using video conference technology to connect NASTAD Hepatitis team staff and its consultants to health department hepatitis staff across the country. Group learning opportunities will occur through calls, webinars, workgroups, a bi-monthly newsletter, a discussion board, an online resource bank, office hours, success stories, mentorship, and courses in the following tracks: Hepatitis Program Infrastructure and Workforce, Community Engagement and Strategic Planning, Harm Reduction and Prevention, Epidemiology and Surveillance, Testing and Linkage to Care, Care and Treatment, Stigma and Health Equity, Elimination</p> <p>Please email hepatitis@nastad.org or visit: https://www.nastad.org/heptac if you have questions or would like to learn more about HepTAC.</p>
Drug User Health TA Center	<p>Since its founding in 1992, NASTAD members have been concerned about the role of drug use in the transmission of HIV and HCV, health outcomes for persons living with HIV and hepatitis who use drugs, and the structural and policy barriers to effectively address the prevention, care, and treatment needs of persons who inject drugs. To address the prevention, care, treatment, and policy needs related to drug user health, NASTAD has partnered with federal, state, and local governments and community partners to continue to advocate for a comprehensive response to these environmental crises to address this important population. In addition to partnerships with key organizations, NASTAD produces resources, provides technical assistance to our members and community-based harm reduction programs, and advocates for an effective science based public health approach to address the needs of people who inject drugs.</p> <p>Contact druguserhealthTA@NASTAD.org for more information</p>

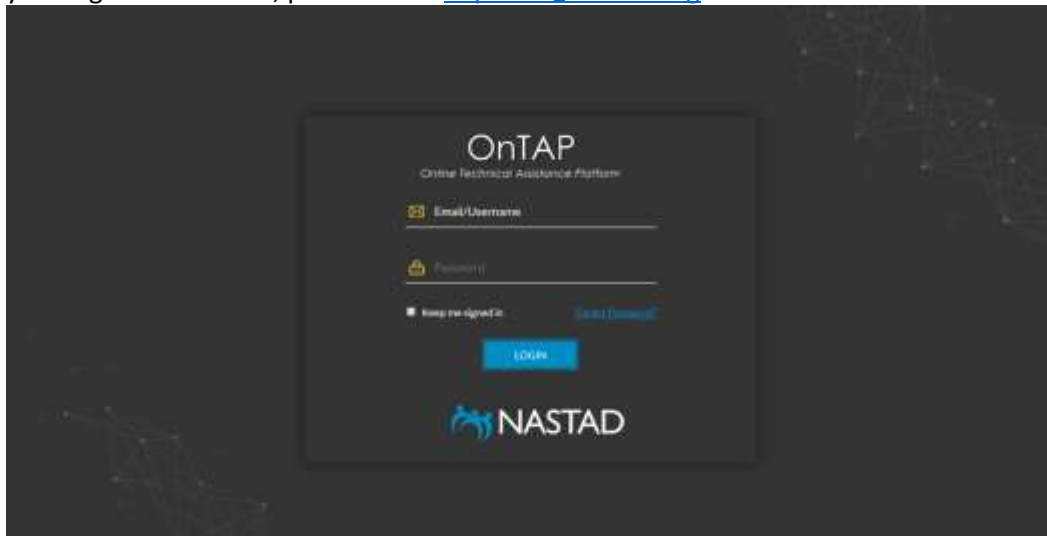
NASTAD’s Hepatitis Technical Assistance Center (HepTAC)

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- Hepatitis Program Infrastructure and Workforce;
- Community Engagement and Strategic Planning;
- Harm Reduction and Prevention;
- Epidemiology and Surveillance;
- Testing and Linkage to Care;
- Care and Treatment; and
- Elimination.

How to Use HepTAC

Start by logging into the system using your email address and password. If you have not yet received your login information, please email hepatitis@nastad.org.



Once you are in the system you will see the HepTAC dashboard.

Requesting TA

Once you login, you will see the HepTAC dashboard. You can request TA through HepTAC using a simple form. Once submitted, you will receive a confirmation email and a NASTAD staff person will set up a call to learn more about your request. From there, a formal scope of work will be developed and your request will be assigned to a HepTAC consultant as needed.

Stay in Touch!

Have questions and/or feedback about HepTAC? Email us at Hepatitis@nastad.org.

We want HepTAC to meet your hepatitis technical assistance needs, and encourage you to share your thoughts and/or recommendations for improving the system at any time.

Conclusion of Basics and Big Picture

This concludes the Basics and Big Picture Section of the NASTAD HepTAC New VH Staff Toolkit. We hope you have found it useful. As you explore the resources available, please notify us at hepatitis@nastad.org if you have any questions, corrections, updates, suggestions, and any other feedback. This is a living document and will be updated regularly.

This is a living document and will be updated quarterly. The next updates include: information on local and national partners, coalition building, 340B resources, harm reduction and priority populations, all integrated through a health equity lens. We are open to feedback and suggestions on what may be helpful to you as newer staff.