



Good morning, Health Center Heroes!

I hope that I am among the first to wish you a Happy Health Center Week and to thank you for the extraordinary service you provide to your community every day. As you know, RIHCA generally holds a central event during National Health Center Week to celebrate community health centers and to recognize an individual staff person from each health center as a Health Center Hero. This year, in light of the coronavirus pandemic and the incredible, selfless work you are doing every day, we want to acknowledge *all of you* as Health Center Heroes.

For Health Center Week, the Rhode Island State House dome is illuminated in blue to celebrate health centers for their accomplishments and dedication to patients and the communities they serve. We have also partnered with our colleagues at Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island to find ways to honor your work this week. Among them is the below video we have created to acknowledge and celebrate the special role that you play in Rhode Island's health care delivery system. Please watch and enjoy, and then continue reading to learn what else we have in store for you this week.



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This week, you will receive a small gift from us to recognize your work in fulfilling the theme of Health Center Week 2020 – "Community Health Centers Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future." And light the way is exactly what you do. While you demonstrate that every day, your efforts during the pandemic have provided individuals and families in your community continued comprehensive care under the most challenging circumstances. You help to make health centers a safe place so that all people are comfortable seeking care.

Again, I can't thank you enough for what you do each day. Happy Health Center Week!

Best,
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