



Hepatitis Awareness Month Webinar 2020

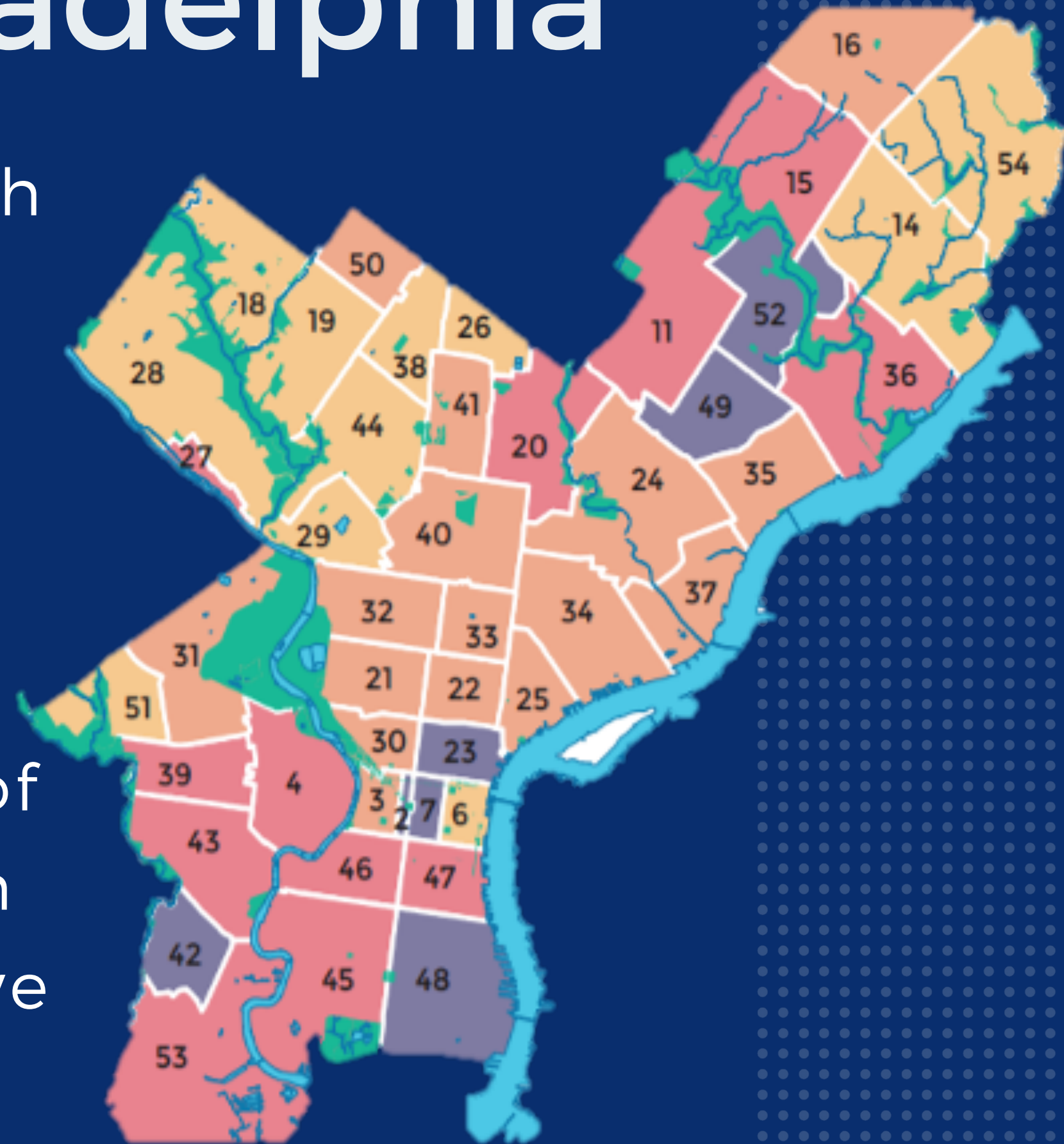
Hep B United Philadelphia

- A local community-owned coalition with over 70 coalition partners throughout Greater Philadelphia, PA led by the Hepatitis B Foundation
- Works with community partners throughout the city to expand awareness, screening and outreach to those vulnerable to hepatitis B.

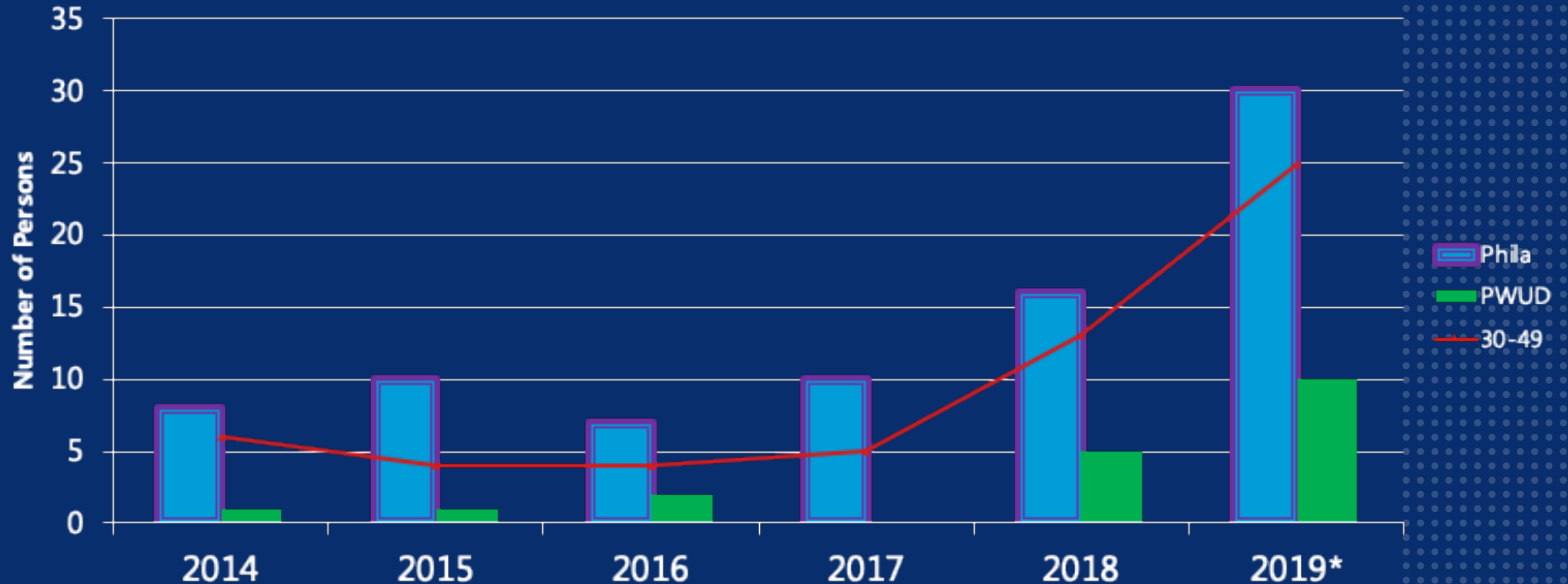


Hepatitis B in Philadelphia

- An estimated 25,132 people live with chronic hepatitis B in Philadelphia
- 30% of persons living with HBV are currently out of care
- Areas of the city with populations of persons who have immigrated from Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe have the highest burden



Acute HBV in Philadelphia



175% increase in confirmed acute hepatitis B cases from 2017-2019; especially among persons who use drugs and those experiencing homelessness and persons 30-39

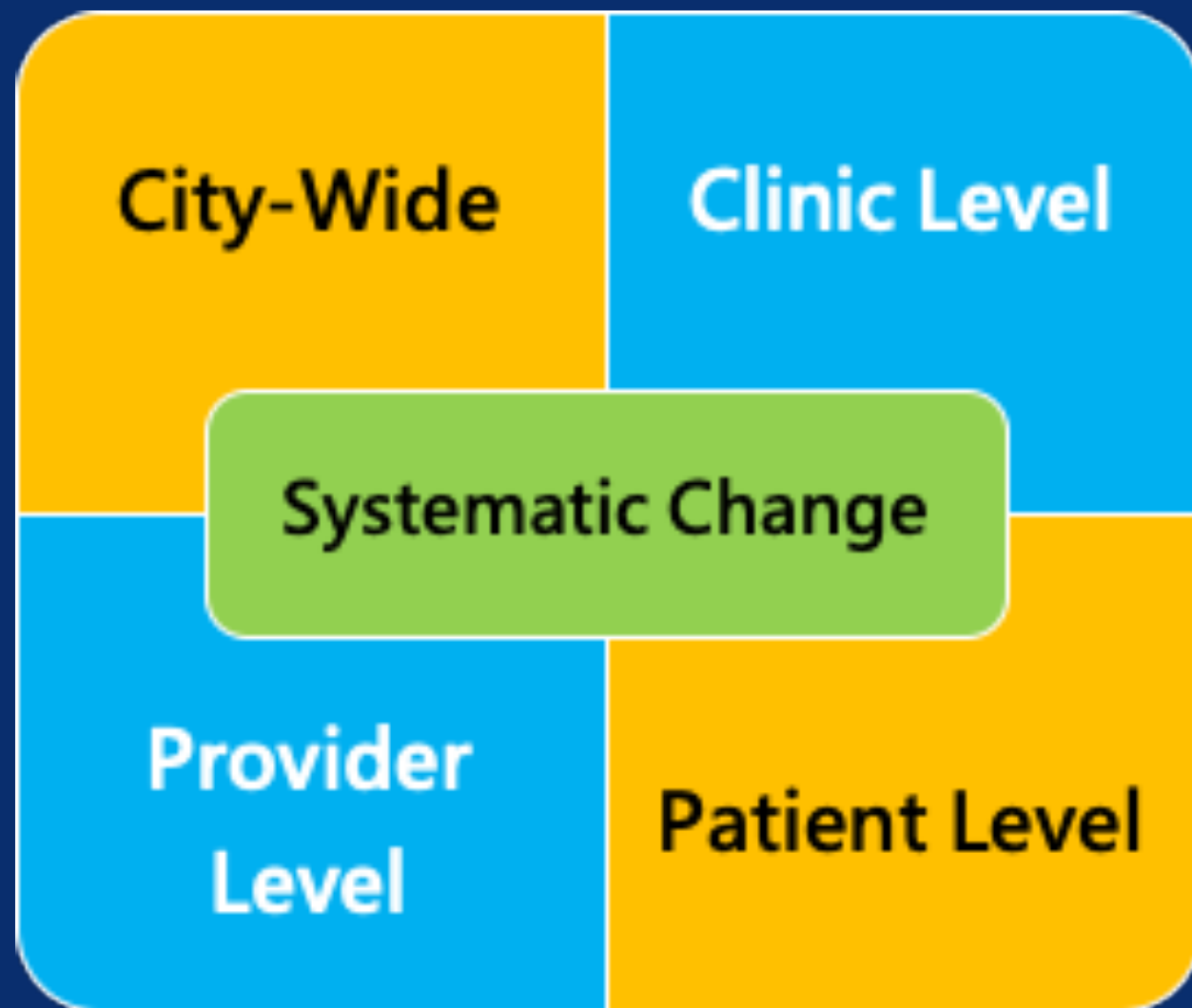
Hepatitis B Virus Infection Prevention, Vaccination, Navigation, Testing, and Treatment Elimination Program (HBV PreVNTT)

Priority Communities:

- Asian/Pacific Islander and African Immigrants
- People who Use Drugs

Cultural Competency & Harm Reduction Integration●

- **Improve patient and provider HBV knowledge**
- **Improve HBV screening and treatment services**
- **Improve HBV vaccination coverage of the city**



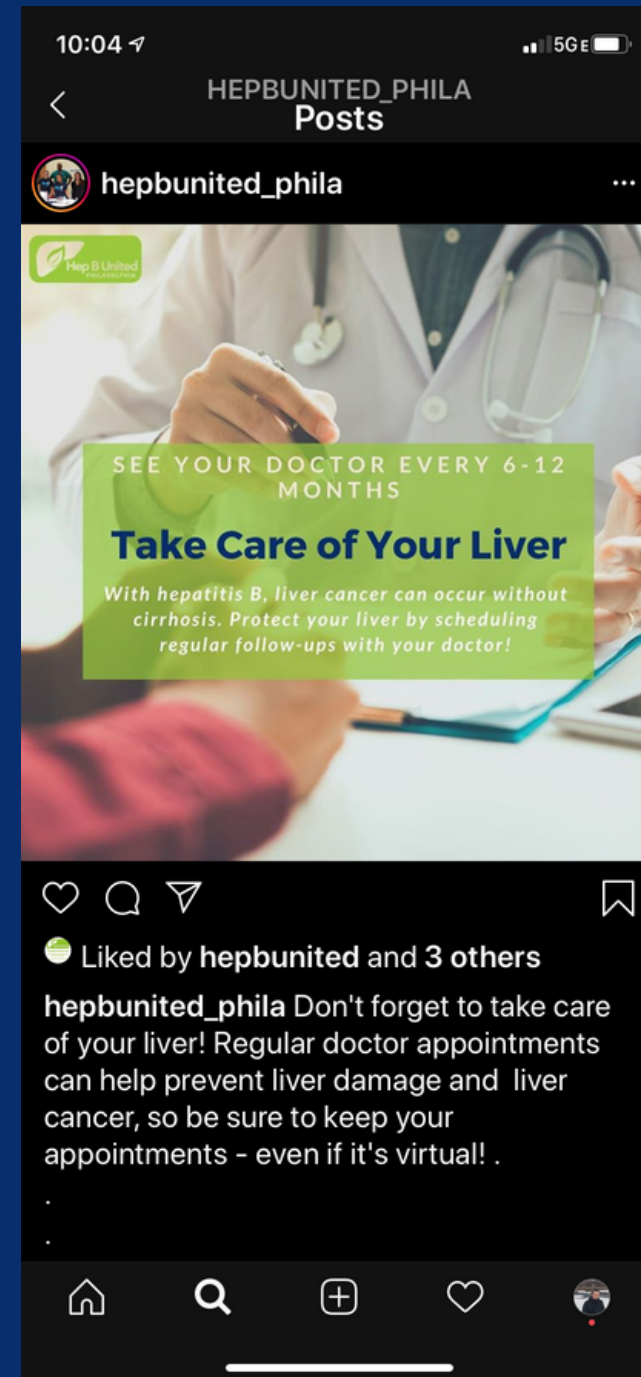
Activities & Events

Last year we hosted and partnered in 34 health education events, screened over 300 and reached almost 2,000 people directly through our services.



What about COVID-19?

IN PERSON EVENTS CANCELED SINCE
MARCH 15TH



- Virtual awareness
- Webinars (May 5th HBU)
- Social Media (Twitter Chat, May 19th)
- Resource Sharing w/ communities
- Resource Creation to prep for future outreach

Additional Virtual Outreach Strategies HBUP is Implementing



- Online Provider training for FQHC's
- Online Focus Groups with the African community

Letter of Support for our State Health Commissioner



April 23, 2020

RE: Letter of Thanks and Appreciation

Dear Secretary Levine:

On behalf of the organizations representing the hepatitis B community in the Greater Philadelphia region, Hep B United Philadelphia and the Hepatitis B Foundation would like to express our sincere gratitude for the Pennsylvania Department of Health's efforts to keep our communities safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under your leadership and guidance, the state of Pennsylvania has taken swift action to protect its people and aid communities in need. We support the measures that you and your department have taken to preserve the health and livelihoods of the citizens in the Commonwealth.

Thank you & Acknowledgments



Special thank you to **Michaela Jackson** for her work managing our social media among many other things for the Philadelphia coalition. As well as the rest of the HBF team for the support!



Questions or Comments?

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