

COVID-19's IMPACT ON CHCs



The COVID-19 pandemic led to the **temporary closure of more than 2,000 Community Health Center (CHC) sites** in April. While CHCs rallied to provide testing and essential care, and have worked hard to reopen, **the pandemic has put CHCs at risk, threatening access to care.**

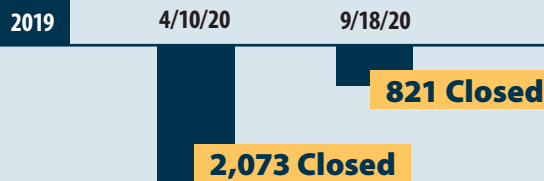
CHC SITES INCLUDE



SITE CLOSURES

12,785 CHC sites open and serving 29.8 million patients in 2019

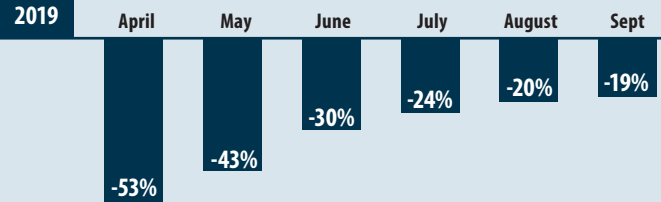
Height of the pandemic
2,073 CHC sites closed



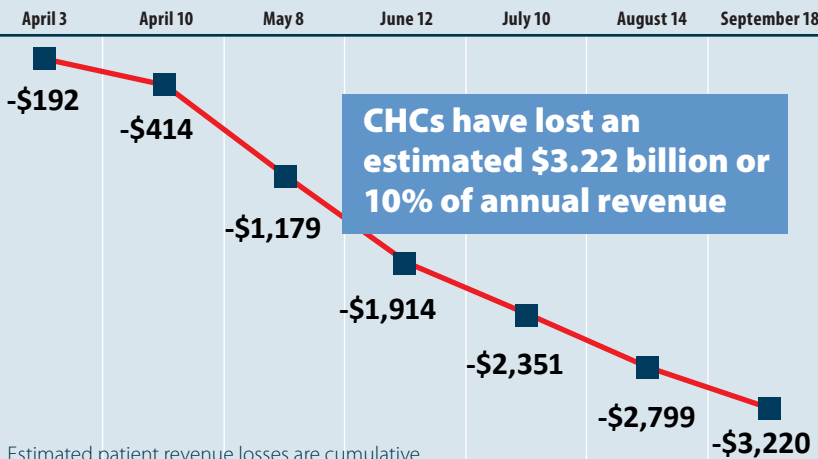
WEEKLY VISITS

CHCs averaged over **2.3 million** visits a week in 2019

Height of the pandemic
patient visits dropped **53%**



PATIENT REVENUE LOSSES (in millions)



If relief is not provided through more emergency support and extending the Community Health Center Fund, which expires on December 11, **CHCs may be forced to permanently close some sites, and communities could lose access to high quality, affordable health care.**

Protect Community Health Care

Sources: Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC). (2020). Health Center COVID-19 Survey; HRSA. (2020). 2019 Uniform Data System data.