

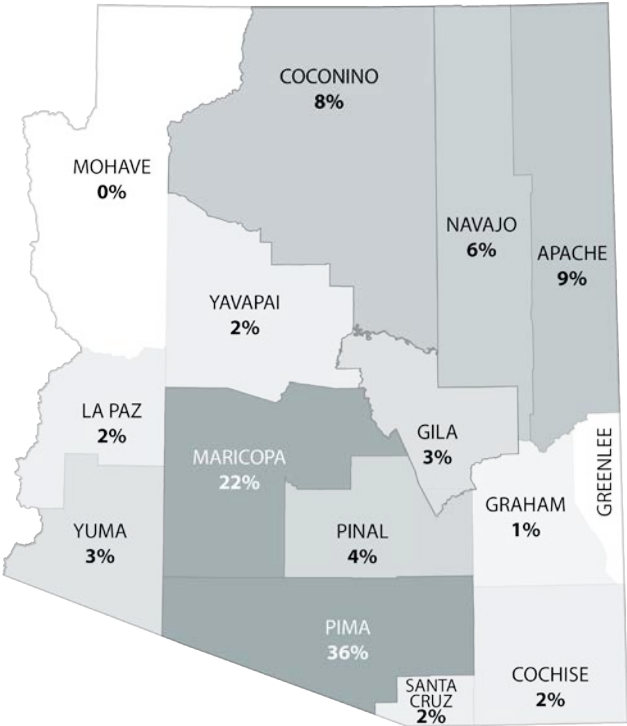
Reflections on the COVID Response

Who attended the Arizona Rural Health conference?

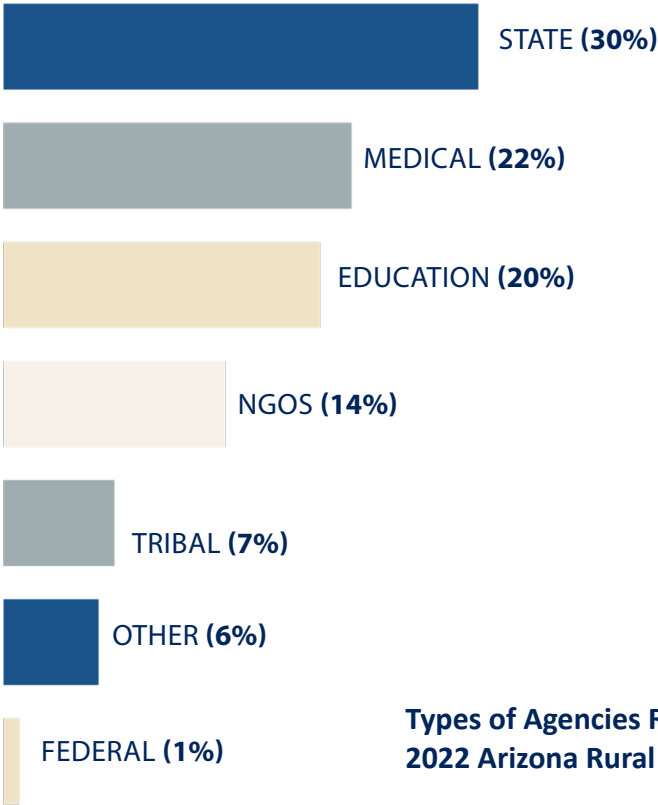
22 or 7% attendees were from out of state

290

312 total



2022 Arizona Rural Health Conference Representation by County



Types of Agencies Represented at the 2022 Arizona Rural Health Conference

Strengths - 243 comments



Community Partnerships



Medical Personnel

Culture



Teamwork



Community Health Workers

Positive attitudes



Adaptation



Information sharing



Support Groups



Family

Resilience



Innovation



Communication



Collaboration 21%

Both intra- and inter-agency collaboration seen as a strength of the COVID-19 response across rural AZ.

Individuals/Groups 19%

Specific individuals or groups of individuals played a crucial role in pandemic response.

Human Factors 14%

Various human factors seen as a strength during pandemic response across rural Arizona.

Communication 12%

Communication as the fourth highest strength for pandemic response. Participants shared generally but also information sharing.



Recommendations - 117 comments

Streamline funding and make spending less restrictive. Increased availability of trainings in preparedness.

Build relationships and trust with community members and a more supportive leadership. Cultural competency needed among leaders.

Reduce misinformation, improve delivery of health information, consistent and continuous messaging throughout the pandemic.

Establish emergency protocols & a chain of command system for pandemic preparedness and response. Require emergency preparedness trainings for medical personnel.

Resources 37%

Trainings



Funding



Streamlined process



Trust building



Cultural competency



Human Factors 13%

Delivery of health information



Continuous Messaging



Communication 12%

Emergency protocols



Chain of Command



Emergency preparedness training



Policy 10%



Improvements - 170 comments

Trainings



Funding



Mental health support



PPE



Clear Health Messaging



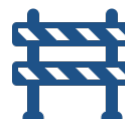
Understandable language



Burnout prevention



Remove barriers to public service



Avoiding mandates



Internet access



Food insecurity



Access to resources and services



Resources 24%

Improve availability of resources for future pandemic responses

Communication 22%

Improve communication efforts during the pandemic response and beyond

Policy 14%

Improve policies regarding pandemic preparedness

Accessibility 11%

Improve accessibility of services and resources during the pandemic for underserved

