An update from NCHS

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The COVID-19 Response

NCHS is ...

- Accelerating the availability of our statistics
- Expanding our existing surveys
- Partnering with the federal statistical community
Percent increase in total number of deaths in 2020 through May 15, 2021 vs. 2019, all-cause and excluding COVID-19
Reduced Access to Care by Type of Care and Telemedicine Use (in last 2 months) by Race and Ethnicity
Newly Released Hospital Data Shows the Progression of COVID-19 from Urban to Rural Areas

Inpatient Encounters with Confirmed COVID-19 by Urban-Rural Location and Week, From Select Hospitals

Subgroup: Large central & fringe metro areas, Medium & small metro areas, Rural areas

Week starting date:
- May 2020
- Jul 2020
- Sep 2020
- Nov 2020

Percent
Nowcasting, or “predicting the present”
National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

- Continuous household survey paired with physical exam and lab tests via the Mobile Examination Center
- Provides national monitoring of disease/condition prevalence, risk factors, nutrition, anthropometry, and environmental exposures
- Current field work disruptions due to COVID-19
### Data Linkages at NCHS

#### Release Schedule 2021 – 2022

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NCHS Budget Update

"Additional Resources" include reimbursables from CDC and other agencies.
NCHS Data Modernization Projects

- National Vital Statistics System (NVSS) Modernization
- Data Access Improvements
- Data Science and Linkage Expansion
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) Collection and Storage
- National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) Innovation
## Strategic Planning

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Questions?