



CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE NEWS

TAMPA, FL: [Tampa to get new veterans mental health clinic](#): A new mental health clinic for veterans is coming to Tampa. The U.S. General Services Administration announced this week that it awarded a 20-year lease for a mental health clinic under the Tampa Veterans Affairs health care system, according to a release. Located at Temple Terrace Highway and Davis Road, the clinic will replace three undersized VA clinics in the greater Tampa area into a new, 144,000-square-foot facility that will enhance and expand mental health services for local veterans.

ONONDAGA COUNTY, NY: [Onondaga County Invests \\$5.5 million In Mental Health Resources For School Students](#): Onondaga County is investing \$5.5 million to address the growing need for mental health resources at schools. The county and its partners will hire dozens of professionals to help students who might be struggling with isolation, economic hardship, or other fallout from the pandemic. Count Executive McMahon says they're starting to roll it out now as more students return to their schools, and hope to have the plan fully implemented by the start of the next school year. He says they're trying to push supports into every building.

NIAGARA COUNTY, NY: [Campaign to end mental health stigma expands to Niagara County](#): The Erie County Anti-Stigma Coalition's Join the Conversation awareness campaign is expanding to Niagara County with a \$45,000 grant from the New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH). The coalition's campaign promotes mental health awareness and fights the stigma surrounding mental illness, which can be a barrier preventing people from seeking the help and treatment they need. The coalition has implemented a comprehensive, multi-media campaign in Erie County, including broadcast, website, social media, digital advertising, email and grassroots tools to get the message out.

INTERNATIONAL

MELBOURNE, AU: [Vic to create new mental health facilities](#): The Victorian government will establish an additional 120 mental health beds across greater Melbourne and Geelong as it responds to the state's mental health royal commission. The \$492 million plan establishes new acute mental health facilities in Epping, Parkville and St Albans in greater Melbourne, as well as in Geelong. The funding forms part of the government's 2020/21 budget commitment to spend \$868.8 million on mental health. The facilities have been designed to create a "safe, welcoming and healing atmosphere" for patients, Acting Premier James Merlino said on Sunday. All four facilities will be operational by 2023.



WEEKEND READING

NPR: As U.S. Corporations Face Reckoning Over Prescription Opioids, CEOs Keep Cashing In

CNN: Advocates call on Biden administration to prioritize youth mental health as experts warn of consequences

FORBES: 6 Insights Into Mental Health From The Last Year (That You Can Use Well Beyond The Pandemic)

FORBES: It's Time For Business Leaders To Come Together On Mental Health

THE WASHINGTON POST: A mental health crisis was unraveling on college campuses. The pandemic has made it worse.

ROLL CALL: We can't wait for the pandemic to end to fight the opioid overdose surge

STAT NEWS: Inside the battle over Talkspace and a grand experiment in mental health

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