



# Public Health Preliminary Round

- Purpose** To encourage HOSA members to work as a team to plan and teach others in their community about public health initiatives.
- Description** This event involves a team of 2-6 members who create an effective, dynamic and creative public health presentation. The presentation will educate the public on the annually announced topic.

## 2020-21 TOPIC

### *Reducing Health Disparities: Social Determinants of Health Can Help!*

Opioid abuse has reached epidemic proportions. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. "Drug overdose is the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, with 68,690 drug overdose deaths between March 2017 and March 2018. More than 46,000 of those deaths involved opioids."

In your public health presentation, you should educate the public on the signs and symptoms of opioid abuse and methods to decrease/ stop the abuse.

For ideas you may visit:

<https://cvshealth.com/thought-leadership/cvs-health-announces-expanded-opioid-abuse-prevention-efforts>

[https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/sites/default/files/OC\\_SpotlightOnOpioids.pdf](https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/sites/default/files/OC_SpotlightOnOpioids.pdf)

<https://www.cdc.gov/rxawareness/about/>

[https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/pep19-08\\_0.pdf](https://store.samhsa.gov/system/files/pep19-08_0.pdf)•<https://drugfree.org/heroin-opioid-epidemic/>

- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the division in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).

2. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the "[General Rules and Regulations of the HOSA Competitive Events Program \(GRR\)](#)."
3. The goal of the event is to create a presentation designed to inform the public about a Public Health issue. There are no official resources for this event. Teams are encouraged to visit the website of the U.S. Public Health Service, the American Public Health Association, AND use any and all additional resources that support the development of the topic.
4. This event requires a team of 2 –6 members to perform their community presentation for a panel of judges. Presentation tools such as PowerPoint, posters, music, props, costumes, and other presentation tools may be used, with the goal of developing and presenting a creative and effective public health presentation. The presentation must effectively inform the public about public health emergencies, with reference to the annual topic, when presented to mature adolescent and adult groups in the high school and community.
5. The presentation plan and development of presentation materials must be the original work of team members.
6. The preliminary round will give each team four (4) minutes to convince the judges of the power and effectiveness of the team's community presentation. Presentation aids can be used. Index cards or electronic notecards (on a tablet, smart phone, laptop, etc) are permitted. Screens and electricity may not be used. Teams will submit a video link of the four minute presentation to [illinoishosa32+publichealth@gmail.com](mailto:illinoishosa32+publichealth@gmail.com)

