VTA+ courses: more flexibility

Nov. 1st the VTA+ COVID-19 Training Series will shift to a blended learning approach that includes both self-study and live models.

How are VTA+ Courses Changing in November?
1) The Core VTA+ Courses - Case Investigation/Contact Tracing, School Specialist, Outbreak Management, Cultural Humility and Vaccine Communications - will shift to a blended learning experience. Learners will complete self-study modules, increasing flexibility in completing this part of the experience prior to attending live, interactive, skills-building sessions.
2) The VTA+ is introducing a new self-study course, “Foundations of Pandemic Response," that introduces basic concepts of COVID-19 epidemiology, prevention, and a culturally humble, public health approach to pandemic response. The Foundations course is intended to be completed before taking additional VTA+ courses.

What is the Foundations of Pandemic Response course?
Foundations is a new on-demand, self-study course consisting of 6 models (5 hours of study time) intended to be completed before other VTA+ courses. By offering COVID-19 epidemiology, prevention, and a culturally humble, public health approach to pandemic response in one Foundations course, the other VTA+ course completion lengths were decreased.

Foundations Learning Objectives
- Summarize public health measures and recommendations for controlling transmission of COVID-19.
- Define social determinants of health and how they contribute to disparities in health outcomes during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Describe factors placing individuals and/or communities at increased risk for COVID-19 illness and death.
- Identify barriers to services and the available resources for the people and communities most affected by COVID-19.
- Describe core principles of cultural humility and personal implicit biases.
- Describe core principles of health coaching to build on people’s knowledge, motivation, and ability to follow public health guidelines.

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