



# COVID-19: A Focus on the Impact in Appalachian and Rural Communities



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Approximately 60 million people live in rural areas, with around 25 million living in the Appalachian region. These populations are often older and more likely to experience poor health outcomes and more socioeconomic challenges than their urban neighbors. While thus far the greatest number of coronavirus cases and deaths have been in larger cities and urban areas, the impact of the pandemic in rural and Appalachian communities is increasing as rural cases grow and States begin to re-open. Challenges with the healthcare infrastructure, higher-risk populations, and the related effects of the pandemic will likely be widespread for these communities.

This is the second in a series of webinars the American Heart Association is hosting to foster a conversation with Appalachian and rural community leaders to discuss the challenges of COVID-19. This event will focus on the economic impacts of the pandemic in rural and Appalachian areas.

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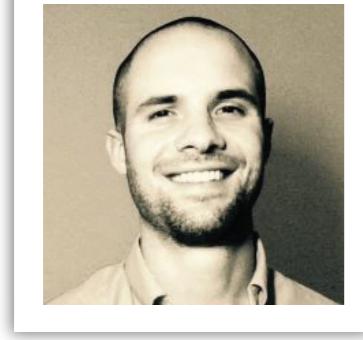
## SPEAKERS



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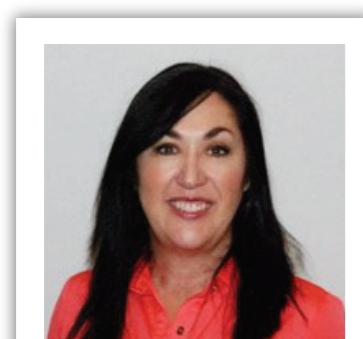
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### **Logan Thomas**

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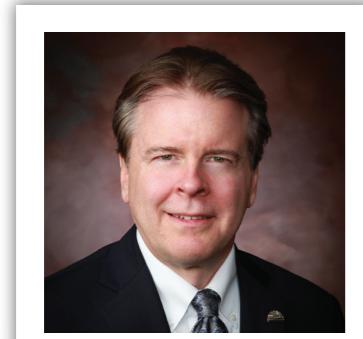
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### **Jean Rykaczewski**

Executive Director

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