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Shamicka Jones is the clinical director of COVID response at Caring Health Center (CHC), a federally qualified community health center in Springfield, Massachusetts. She obtained her bachelor of nursing degree at American International College (AIC) and has worked as an R.N. at CHC for four years. Prior to her current role, Jones served as employee health/infection control nurse manager and pediatric triage nurse. Before joining CHC in 2018, she worked at Behavioral Health Network for twelve years and oversaw residential coordination for individuals with behavioral/developmental health needs. Over the last two years, Jones has collaborated with numerous internal and external stakeholders to develop and implement a mobile COVID response strategy, a health center COVID response unit and a public vaccination and testing site. Her accomplishments include being the clinical leader of nearly twenty community outreach and mobile events to reach underserved populations—tailored to meet the needs of the community—including a recent effort to engage pediatric populations with themed vaccination events, bringing her joy for public health and health services to the community during a pandemic. Based on her steadfast dedication and service, Jones was recently awarded the Keeper of the Light Award—an award nominated by fellow staff and given to an individual who exemplifies compassion, dedication and selfless service to the patients and employees of CHC.