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Fellow Highlights

Mary Cooley, PhD, RN, FAAN, Janice Phillips, PhD, RN, FAAN, Angela Starkweather, PhD, RN, ANCP-BC, CNRN, FAAN, and Katherine Yeager, PhD, RN, FAAN, co-authored an article titled, "Nursing’s seat at the research roundtable" in The Lancet.

Julie Fairman, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Connie Ulrich, PhD, RN, FAAN published an op-ed in The Hill titled “COVID-19: How RNs can help overcome public vaccine hesitancy.”

American Nurses Association (ANA) President Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, was featured in a PBS Frontline episode titled "America's Medical Supply Crisis."

Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, authored an article titled "Health Equity and the Future of Nursing, Post-COVID-19" in Health Affairs.

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health’s Global Health Now published an article co-authored by William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Sheila Tlou, Barbara Stilwell, Howard Catton, and Ann Kurth, PhD, CNM, FAAN and titled “Nursing Our Way Through COVID-19.”

ABC News published an article titled “Latino nurses push through COVID-19 burnout, sleepless nights and lost loved ones.”

ANA and the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) released a survey to gather information from nurses about the COVID-19 Vaccinations. ANA released a webinar, “The State of COVID-19 Vaccine Development: What You Need to Know.”

Business Insider published an article titled “Filipinos make up 4% of nurses in the US, but 31.5% of nurse deaths from COVID-19.”

International Council of Nurses (ICN) published an article titled “ICN says disruption to mental health services as a result of COVID-19 and historic underfunding must be addressed immediately.”

JAMA Network published an article titled “Excess Deaths From COVID-19 and Other Causes, March-July 2020.”

Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) released a policy brief titled “Limitations of the Program for Uninsured COVID-19 Patients Raise Concerns.” KFF released a policy brief titled “Is COVID-19 a Pre-Existing Condition? What Could Happen if the ACA is Overturned.”


New York Times published an article titled “‘I Won’t Be Used as a Guinea Pig for White People,’”about the mistrust of vaccines within African-American communities.

NPR published an article titled “How The Pandemic Is Widening The Racial Wealth Gap.”


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(Source: NPR)

*Reuters* published an article titled “COVID-19 vaccine may be ready by year-end, says WHO’s Tedros.”

*Shift Talk*, a new podcast supported by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)](https://www.rwjf.org), is focused on “bringing together nurses to get real about the challenges they’re facing on and off the clock.” [Listen](https://www.rwjf.org) to Season 1 here.


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### Federal Government Response

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC published updates to the “How COVID-19 Spreads” website.
- CDC released a statement: “Administration Announces $200 million from CDC to Jurisdictions for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness.”
- CDC continues to hold calls with stakeholders titled “Leveraging Existing Resources to Meet the Challenges Faced by People Who Use Drugs or Who Have Substance Use Disorders During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- CDC continues to update data on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States.

#### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- CMS expanded the list of telehealth services that Medicare Fee-For-Service will pay for during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency (PHE).
- CMS is taking every action to ensure U.S. laboratories are fit to deliver reliable, accurate and timely patient test results for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) by confirming Clinical
Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) certifications are up-to-date.

- CMS announced new repayment terms for Medicare loans made to providers during COVID-19.
- CMS released Medicaid and CHIP enrollment trends snapshot showing COVID-19 impact on enrollment.
- CMS announced an update to the methodology the agency employs to determine the rate of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) positivity in counties across the country.
- CMS released new tools to streamline certification for labs testing for COVID-19.
- CMS continues to hold calls with clinicians, hospitals, other facilities, and states in an effort to keep stakeholders updated on COVID-19 efforts. Find more general information on COVID-19.

**Department for Health and Human Services (HHS)**

- HHS and Department of Defense (DoD) announced an agreement with Cyntia, headquartered in Massachusetts, to expand the company’s manufacturing capacity for products that are essential in producing COVID-19 vaccines.
- HHS in collaboration with DoD awarded a $481 million Other Transaction Agreement to Cue Health, Inc. to expand U.S. production capacity for a cartridge-based point-of-care COVID-19 molecular test that produces results in about 20 minutes.
- HHS and DoD announced an agreement with AstraZeneca for late-stage development and large-scale manufacturing of the company’s COVID-19 investigational product AZD7442, a cocktail of two monoclonal antibodies, that may help treat or prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.
- HHS announced that they signed an agreement with the Rockefeller Foundation to identify and share effective approaches for using rapid point-of-care (POC) antigen tests to screen for COVID-19 in communities, with a focus on safely reopening K-12 schools.
- HHS announced that American hospitals can purchase Veklury (remdesivir) directly from the drug’s distributor.
- HHS announced $20 billion in new phase 3 provider relief funding.
- HHS announced funding for health information exchanges to support public health agencies – STAR HIE program funds five organizations to improve interoperability of health data.
- HHS announced a national distribution plan for the Abbott BinaxNOW Ag Card rapid test to assist Governors’ efforts to continue to safely reopen their states.

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- FDA issued a warning letter to Battelle Memorial Institute for failure to comply with regulatory requirements for medical device reporting as specified in the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System.
- FDA issued guidance on Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for COVID-19 Vaccines.
- Stephen M. Hahn, MD, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, provided remarks to the National Consumers League on...
The vaccine review process.

- **FDA** hosted a webinar on protective barrier enclosure emergency use authorizations (EUAs), as part of the series on Respirators and Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Health Care Personnel Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Indian Health Service (IHS)**

- IHS published a blog titled “Red Lake contact tracing team ramps up COVID-19 community response efforts.”

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

- NIH published a press release titled “NIH study aims to identify promising COVID-19 treatments for larger clinical trials.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH clinical trial testing hyperimmune intravenous immunoglobulin plus remdesivir to treat COVID-19 Begins.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH to launch the Serological Sciences Network for COVID-19, announce grant and contract awardees.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH RADx initiative advances six new COVID-19 testing technologies.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH to assess and expand COVID-19 testing for underserved communities.”
- NIH published a press release titled “Investigational COVID-19 vaccine well-tolerated and generates immune response in older adults.”
- NIH published a press release titled “Scientists discover genetic and immunologic underpinnings of some cases of severe COVID-19.”

**US House Committee on Energy & Commerce**

- House Committee on Energy & Commerce held a hearing on “Pathway to a Vaccine: Ensuring a Safe and Effective Vaccine People Will Trust.”

**White House**

- President Trump issued an Executive Order on Protecting Vulnerable Newborn and Infant Children.
- President Trump issued an Executive Order on An America-First Healthcare Plan.
- President Trump issued an Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping.

Memorial Sloan Kettering Deputy Chief Nurse reunites with heroic team who treated him for COVID-19