

COVID-19 DIGEST



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The conference opening video, [In Crisis and Calm: Leading with Purpose](#), embodied the conference theme and honors the incredible work of nurses during the pandemic.

The [COVID-19 Courage Awards](#) video recognizes the courageous efforts nurses have made during the COVID-19 pandemic to save lives, advance health equity, and protect communities. Congratulations again to **Ukamaka Oruche**, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, **Marissa Pietrolungo**, MSN, RN, CCRN, **Doris Grinspun**, PhD, RN, FAAN, LLD(hon), Dr(hc), O.ONT., and **Jason Farley**, PhD, MPH, ANP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, AACRN, who were [selected](#) as the [COVID-19 Courage Award](#) recipients for their outstanding contributions in the areas of innovation, leadership, policy, and science.

Fellow Highlights

Betty R. Ferrell, PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN, CHPN, RN, and **William E. Rosa**, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, [co-authored an article](#) titled "The Urgency of Spiritual Care: COVID-19 and the Critical Need for Whole-Person Palliation" in the *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*.

Diane Lynn Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, [co-authored an article](#) titled "Birth and Breastfeeding in the Hospital Setting during the COVID-19 Pandemic" in *The American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing*.

Judith A. Paice, PhD, RN, ACHPN, FAAN, **Dorothy Wholihan**, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN, FPCN, FAAN, **Constance Dahlin**, MSN, ANP-BC, ACHPN, FPCN, FAAN, **William E. Rosa**, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, **Polly Mazanec**, PhD, ACNP-BC, AOCN, ACHPN, FPCN, FAAN, and **Carol O. Long**, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN, [co-authored an article](#) titled "Palliative Nursing: The Core of COVID-19 Care" in the *Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing*.

Joyce Batcheller, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAONL, FAAN, was featured in a series of webinars from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center titled "[Lessons Learned from the Military: Nursing's Response to a Global](#)

[Pandemic,”](#) [“Lessons Learned from the Military: Experiencing the Unexpected,”](#) and [“Lessons Learned from the Military: Coming Home.”](#)

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, **Margaret Fitzgerald**, FNP-BC, NP-C, DNP, FAANP, CSP, FAAN, DCC, FNAP, **Sheila Davis**, ANP-BC, DNP, FAAN, **Jason Farley**, ANP-BC, PhD, MPH, FAAN, **Jeffrey Kwong**, AGPCNP-BC, DNP, MPH, FAANP, FAAN, and **Patricia J. Moreland**, RN, PhD, CPNP, FAAN, [co-authored an article](#) titled “Leveraging nurse practitioner capacities to achieve global health for all: COVID-19 and beyond” in the *International Nursing Review*.

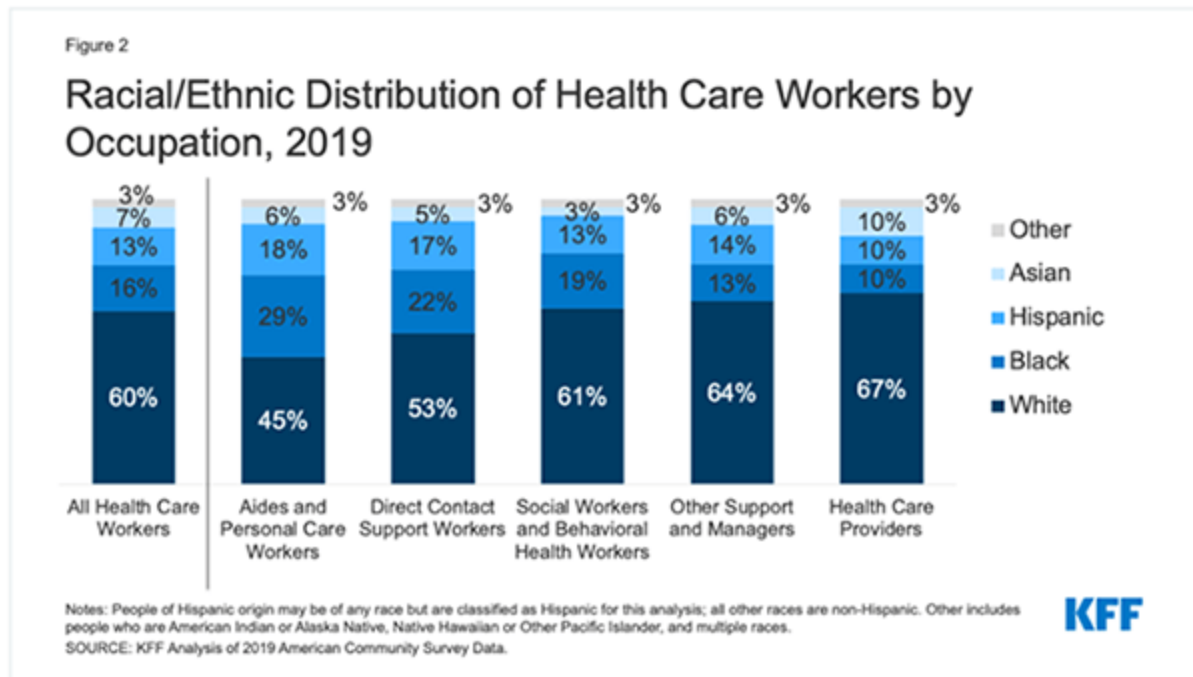
News & Updates from National Organizations

American Nurses Association (ANA) [released a webinar](#): “How to Protect Yourself: Use and Re-Use of PPE.”

CNN [published an article](#) titled “10 million people have been infected with coronavirus in the US -- and the rates keep rising in 43 states.”

International Council of Nurses (ICN) [published an article](#) titled “Success of mass COVID-19 vaccination will depend on nurses.”

Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) [released an issue brief](#) titled “COVID-19 Risks and Impacts Among Health Care Workers by Race/Ethnicity.” KFF [released an issue brief](#) titled “State Variation in Seasonal Flu Vaccination: Implications for a COVID-19 Vaccine.”



Kaiser Health News (KHN) [published an article](#) titled “‘Breakthrough Finding’ Reveals Why Certain COVID Patients Die.” KHN also [published an article](#) titled “Nursing Homes Still See Dangerously Long Waits for COVID Test Results.”

Missoulia [published an article](#) titled “Virus fight: Risk becomes real for some Blackfeet.”

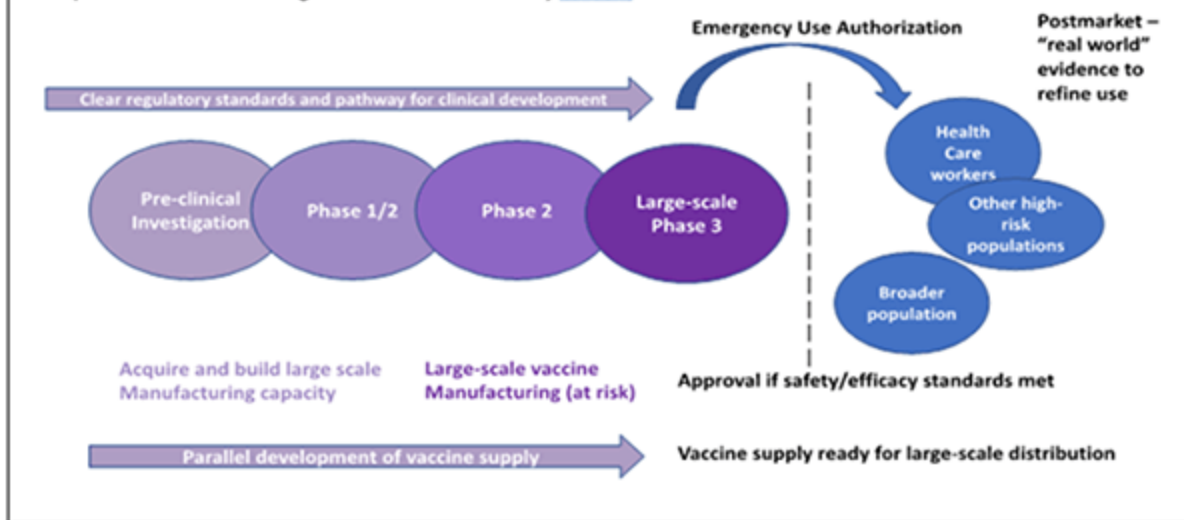
National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [hosted its annual meeting](#) titled “Confronting Urgent Threats to Human Health & Society: COVID-19 and Climate Change (NAM Annual Meeting)”

National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) [released a featured story](#) titled “National Academies Launch New COVID-19 Strategic Science Initiative.”

National Governors Association (NGA) [released a policy memo](#) titled “Update On COVID-19 Vaccine Development.”

COVID-19 Vaccine Development

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New York Times (NYT) [published an article](#) titled “Nurses Are at High Risk for Covid Among Health Workers, C.D.C. Says.”

The Washington Post [published an article](#) titled “Pfizer’s coronavirus vaccine is more than 90 percent effective in first analysis, company reports.”

World Health Organization (WHO) [published a press release](#) titled “World Health Assembly charts course for COVID-19 response and global health priorities.” **WHO** [released a statement](#) titled “Statement on the fifth meeting of the International Health Regulations (2005) Emergency Committee regarding the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.”

Federal Government Response



Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- ACL [hosted a webinar](#) titled “HCBS Innovation During COVID--Medicaid HCBS Payers & Providers.”
- ACL [hosted a webinar](#) titled “SHIP and SMP Volunteer Engagement During COVID-19.”
- ACL [published a press release](#) titled “Vaccine Information for Long-Term Care Facilities and Rural Stakeholders.”



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC [published a press release](#) titled “CDC Issues Framework for Resuming Safe and Responsible Cruise Ship Passenger Operations.”
- CDC [released](#) the “CDC Media Telebriefing Transcript on Operation Warp Speed.”
- CDC [continues to hold calls](#) with stakeholders: “[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 [announced](#) that Medicare beneficiaries can receive coverage of monoclonal antibodies to treat coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) with no cost-sharing during the public health emergency (PHE).
- CMS [released](#) a toolkit to accelerate state efforts to rebalance long-term care systems and enhance home and community-based services for eligible Medicaid beneficiaries.
- CMS [launched](#) a new online platform - the **Nursing Home Resource Center** - to serve as a centralized hub bringing together the latest information, guidance and data on nursing homes that is important to facilities, frontline providers, residents and their families, especially as the fight against coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues.
- CMS [announced](#) its commitment to ensure all Americans, including the nation's seniors, have access to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine at no cost when it becomes available.
- CMS [released](#) data showing that 21% of Medicare beneficiaries report forgoing non-coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) care due to the pandemic, and nearly all - 98% - of beneficiaries have taken preventative measures to keep themselves safe from the virus.
- 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 [published a press release](#) titled "KidneyX COVID-19 Kidney Care Challenge Seeks Replicable Frontline Solutions."
- HHS [announced](#) that it is preparing to provide ancillary supply kits to help healthcare workers who will be administering COVID-19 vaccines.
- HHS [announced](#) it distributed incentive payments to nursing homes curbing COVID-19 deaths and infections.
- HHS and DoD [announced](#) an agreement with Eli Lilly and Company to purchase the first doses of the company's COVID-19 investigational antibody therapeutic bamlanivimab, also known as LY-CoV555.
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "HHS Delivers 125 Million Masks to Support Safe School Reopening."
- HHS [announced additional guidance](#) under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) authorizing qualified pharmacy technicians and state-authorized pharmacy interns to administer childhood vaccines, COVID-19 vaccines when made available, and COVID-19 tests, all subject to several requirements.
- HHS and DoD [announced](#) agreements with CVS and Walgreens to provide and administer COVID-19 vaccines to residents of long-term care facilities (LTCF) nationwide with no out-of-pocket costs.
- HHS [announced](#) that it will provide a saliva test at a surge testing site in Waco, TX.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- Stephen M. Hahn MD, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, [released a statement](#) titled "FDA Offers Guidance to



Enhance Diversity in Clinical Trials, Encourage Inclusivity in Medical Product Development.”

- FDA [published a press release](#) titled “FDA Authorizes First Test that Detects Neutralizing Antibodies from Recent or Prior SARS-CoV-2 Infection.”
- FDA [published a statement](#) titled “FDA Publishes List of Essential Medicines, Medical Countermeasures, Critical Inputs Required by Executive Order.”
- FDA [reissued](#) the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for certain filtering face-piece respirators (FFRs) that are manufactured in China and are not approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).



Indian Health Service (IHS)

- IHS [published a press release](#) titled “IHS Receives 150,000 additional BinaxNOW COVID-19 Tests.”
- RADM Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service and Director of IHS [released a statement](#) on its COVID-19 Pandemic Draft Vaccine Plan.



National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “Hydroxychloroquine does not benefit adults hospitalized with COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH scientists discover key pathway in lysosomes that coronaviruses use to exit cells.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH begins large clinical trial to test immune modulators for treatment of COVID-19.”

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