

COVID-19 DIGEST



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Academy Updates



As cases of the Delta and Omicron COVID-19 variants continue to rise around the globe, it is imperative we remain vigilant in our duty to protect ourselves and our communities by committing to strong public health measures—wearing masks indoors, expanding testing, and getting vaccinated. The Academy calls on governments and policy makers at all levels to invest in health and increase resources to support our nurses and healthcare providers working every day to keep the public safe and save lives. It takes all of us, working together, to change the tide of the pandemic."

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Featured Fellow



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, **April N. Kapu**, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FCCN, FAAN, has [researched](#) nurse practitioner and clinician burnout before and during the pandemic. President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), Dr. Kapu is an acute care nurse practitioner at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Associate Dean for Clinical and Community Partnerships, and Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. This month, Dr. Kapu [was interviewed in the article](#) "Creating Healthy Work Environments for NPs During the COVID-19 Pandemic" by *Clinical Advisor*. As the Delta COVID-19 variant remains dominant, and with the Omicron variant now on the radar, Dr.

Kapu finds it imperative to deploy measures to ensure that nurse practitioners and clinicians do not experience further burn out, are within healthy work environments, and make time for self-care as we enter year three of this global pandemic.

Fellow Highlights

Cole Edmonson, DNP, RN, FAAN, Chief Experience and Clinical Officer at AMN Healthcare [was quoted in an article](#), "AMN Survey Shows COVID-19 Impacts To Nurses' Mental Health And More Discrimination, Less Inclusion For Diverse Nurses."

Eileen Fry-Bowers, PhD, JD, RN, CPNP, FAAN, and **Cynda H. Rushton**, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN, [published an article](#), "Who Will Be There to Care If There Are No More Nurses?"

Shelia Melander, PhD, FAANP, FCCM, FAAN, [spoke in a podcast](#), "The Nurse Practitioner Podcast: Self-Care on the COVID Journey."

News & Updates from National Organizations

American Nurses Association (ANA) [published a news release](#) titled "ANA Hails Expanded Eligibility of Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters for all Adults."

American Public Health Association (APHA) [published a news release](#) titled "APHA strongly supports COVID-19 worker protections."

The **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for Health Security** [published the report](#), "COVID-19 Vaccine Misinformation and Disinformation Costs an Estimated \$50 to \$300 Million Each Day."

Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) [published findings](#) titled "KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: The Increasing Importance of Partisanship in Predicting COVID-19 Vaccination Status."

National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [published a news release](#) titled "Expert Paper from the National Academy of Medicine Identifies Lessons Learned and Compelling Needs to Center Patients, Families, and Communities in the Delivery of Health and Health Care After COVID-19."

National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation (NIHCM) [published an infographic](#) titled "The Pandemic's Impact on Children: COVID Vaccinations & Mental Health."

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) [published a statement](#) titled "Statement from Richard Besser, MD, on the Build Back Better Act."

Spotlight on Research (SOR) [published research](#) titled "The Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic on US healthcare workers: A Discursive Analysis of Frontline Secondary Traumatic Stress Using Twitter Data."

World Health Organization (WHO) [published a joint news release](#) titled "International Organizations, Vaccine Manufacturers Agree to Intensify Cooperation to Deliver COVID-19 Vaccines."

Federal Government Response



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC [published a press release](#) titled "CDC Launches Two Global Networks, Awards \$22 Million to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance and Infectious Diseases."
- CDC [published a press release](#) titled "CDC Tightens Testing Requirement for International Travel to the US to One Day."
- CDC [published updated guidance](#) titled "Delta Variant: What We Know About the Science."
- CDC [published information](#) titled "How CDC is Making Vaccine Recommendations."
- CDC [published FAQs](#) titled "Parents and Caregivers - What Is Your School Doing to Protect Your Child from COVID-19?"

- CDC [published information](#) titled “About mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines.”
- CDC [published a press release](#) titled “CDC launches COVID-19 resources for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities” and [published related tips](#).
- CDC [published tips](#) titled “Safer Travel Tips for Families with Unvaccinated Children.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “COVID-19 Vaccines for People with Underlying Medical Conditions.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot.”
- CDC [published data](#) titled “COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately to Severely Immunocompromised People.”
- CDC [published a press release](#) titled “CDC Announces More Than \$300 Million in Funding to Support Community Health Workers.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “What You Should Know About the Possibility of COVID-19 Illness After Vaccination.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Strategies for Reaching People with Limited Access to COVID-19 Vaccines.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Caring for People with Post-COVID Conditions.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Operational Considerations for Immunization Services during COVID-19 in Non-US Settings Focusing on Low-Middle Income Countries.”
- CDC [published information](#) titled “CDC’s Role in Tracking Variants.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “12 COVID-19 Vaccination Strategies for Your Community.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Workplaces and Businesses.”
- CDC [published information](#) titled “How Jurisdictions Can Ensure COVID-19 Vaccine Access for Staff and Residents in Long-term Care Settings.”
- CDC [published information](#) titled “Accessing a COVID-19 Vaccine If You Are Homebound.”
- CDC [published information](#) titled “COVID-19 Vaccine Equity.”
- CDC [published information](#) titled “Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “What You Need to Know about Variants.”



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

- CMS [published a press release](#) titled “CMS Expands Medicare Payments for At-Home COVID-

19 Vaccinations.”

- CMS [published a press release](#) titled “Affordable Care Act’s Shared Savings Program Continues to Improve Quality of Care While Saving Medicare Money During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- CMS [published a press release](#) titled “Biden-Harris Administration to Expand Vaccination Requirements for Health Care Settings.”
- CMS [published a press release](#) titled “Biden-Harris Administration Releases Medicaid and CHIP Guidance Targeting Vaccination and Testing for COVID-19.”
- CMS [published a press release](#) titled “CMS Launches New Medicare.gov Tool to Compare Nursing Home Vaccination Rates.”



Department for Health and Human Services (HHS)

- HHS [published a COVID-19 Resources Page](#).
- HHS [published a news release](#) titled “HHS Announces the Availability of \$25.5 Billion in COVID-19 Provider Funding.”
- HHS [published a news release](#) titled “Statement by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on Release of Department’s Division-Level COVID-19 Vaccination Data.”



National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH [published a news release](#) titled “NIH builds large nationwide study population of tens of thousands to support research on long-term effects of COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a news release](#) titled “NIH launches study of extra COVID-19 vaccine dose in people with autoimmune disease.”

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