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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 burnout, 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-
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 “CMS Launches New Medicare.gov Tool to Compare Nursing Home Vaccination Rates.”

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.”

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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