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TRANSFORMING HEALTH POLICY STARTS  
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The Academy supports the Biden Administration's actions to allow insurance coverage of at-home COVID tests to help keep the public safe and healthy during this latest surge and into the future.

Strong public health measures like testing is critical to detecting cases before they increase dramatically. Testing is important but mitigating the pandemic also requires contract tracing, data collection, and - most importantly - having a stable supply of tests as well as medical equipment for individuals who need them.”

KENNETH R. WHITE, PHD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN

*Academy President*



Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, the Academy's requests and focus has been centered on the following requests: (1) Protect our most vulnerable populations; (2) Support nurses and healthcare providers; (3) Accelerate access to and education of COVID-19 vaccines; and (4) Increase access, speed, and accuracy of testing. The Academy supports the Biden Administration's plan to distribute at-home, rapid COVID-19 tests to Americans for free and their recent launch of [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov). [Learn more](#).

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#### Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

- HRSA has a [number of new research funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. [View all funding opportunities](#).

#### National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

- NINR is seeking applications from outstanding candidates for [Director, Division of Extramural Science Programs \(DESP\)](#), [Clinical Director, Division of Intramural Research \(DIR\)](#), [Deputy Director](#) and [Scientific Director, Division of Intramural Research](#) to provide visionary leadership for the Institute. All positions are part of the NINR senior leadership team and report directly to the NINR Director. [Read More](#).

- NINR has a [number of new funding initiatives and opportunities](#) that are available for submission. To help the process, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a [Guide Notice](#) for submissions.



#### **National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)**

- [Media Advisory](#): "Mitigating the Effects of Pandemic on Early Child Care and Education Providers — New Consultation."
- [Feature Story](#): "Pandemic Isolation and the Elderly: A Doctor Reflects on the Impacts."

#### **National Academy of Medicine (NAM)**

- [News](#): "NAM Releases Special Publication Titled Educating Together, Improving Together: Harmonizing Interprofessional Approaches to Address the Opioid Epidemic."
- [News](#): "NAM Special Publication Collects 11 Case Studies that Demonstrate what Effective, Efficient, Secure, and Safe Health Data Sharing Looks Like."
- NAM will host a virtual meeting [event](#), "Measuring Impact for Health Equity," on January 25 from 2:00-5:00 PM ET and January 26 from 12:00-2:00 PM ET.
- NAM will host a virtual convening [event](#), "Reducing Documentation & Administrative Burden for Clinician Well-Being," on January 31 from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM EST.

#### **National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM)**

- [Newsletter](#): "Omicron Overwhelms Hospitals."
  - [Press Release](#): "NIHCM Awards \$500,000 in Research Grants: Work will Explore Mental Health Care for Children, Rural Health, Health Equity, Access to Care, and more."
  - [Webinar](#): "Climate Changes Health: Moving Towards Environmental Health Equity," on January 26 from 3:00-4:00 PM ET.
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### **The White House**

- [Fact Sheet: The Biden Administration to Begin Distributing At-Home Rapid COVID-19 Tests to Americans for Free](#)
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### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

- [CDC released Test-To-Stay Options Can Help Keep Students in School During COVID-19.](#)
- [CDC released Emergency Guidance for Healthcare Facilities to Prepare for Potential Omicron Surge](#)
- [CDC updated and shortened Recommended Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population.](#)
- [CDC recommended Pfizer Booster at 5 Months, Additional Primary Dose for Certain Immunocompromised Children](#)
- [CDC expanded Booster Shot Eligibility and Strengthens Recommendations for 12-17 Year Olds](#)
- [CDC Recommends Moderna Booster at 5 Months](#)
- [CDC Study Shows Flu Vaccination Prevents Severe Flu Illness in U.S. Children](#)
- [CDC released a feature article titled "Awareness of Birth Defects Across the Lifespan"](#)

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

- [CMS Encouraged Hospitals to Implement Patient Safety Best Practices to Improve Maternity Care and Outcomes](#)
- [National Health Spending in 2020 Increases due to Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Medicare Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies \(DMEPOS\) Final Rule](#)
- [CMS Released the Latest Enrollment Figures for Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)
- [New Medicaid Option Promotes Enhanced Mental Health, Substance Use Crisis Care](#)
- [CMS Announced Extensions of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\) to Support Greater Health Equity Across Communities](#)
- [No Surprises: Understand your rights against surprise medical bills](#)
- [CY 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration Requires Insurance Companies and Group Health Plans to Cover the Cost of At-Home COVID-19 Tests, Increasing Access to Free Tests](#)

- [CMS Proposes Medicare Coverage Policy for Monoclonal Antibodies Directed Against Amyloid for the Treatment of Alzheimer's Disease](#)
- [Ahead of January 15th Open Enrollment Deadline, New Numbers Show 14.2 Million Americans Have Quality, Affordable Coverage](#)

#### **The Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- [FDA Approves First Injectable Treatment for HIV Pre-Exposure Prevention](#)
- [FDA Authorizes Marketing of Tobacco Products that Help Reduce Exposure to and Consumption of Nicotine for Smokers Who Use Them](#)
- [FDA Authorizes Additional Oral Antiviral for Treatment of COVID-19 in Certain Adults](#)
- [FDA Takes Multiple Actions to Expand Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)
- [FDA Shortens Interval for Booster Dose of Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to Five Months](#)

#### **Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)**

- [HHS Encourages Hospitals to Implement Patient Safety Best Practices to Improve Maternity Care and Outcomes](#)
- [HHS Announces Additional Navigator Resources to Support the Extended HealthCare.gov Open Enrollment Period](#)
- [HHS Announces Critical Investments to Implement Upcoming 988 Dialing Code for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#)
- [HHS Issues Guidance on HIPAA and Disclosures of Protected Health Information for Extreme Risk Protection Orders](#)
- [HHS Announces PandemicX Accelerator with Health IT Cohort to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities](#)
- [HHS Announces Availability of Nearly \\$48 Million to Increase the Public Health Workforce in Rural and Tribal Communities](#)
- [HHS Emphasizes Healthy Aging to Delay Onset of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias](#)
- [New Medicaid Option Promotes Enhanced Mental Health, Substance Use Crisis Care](#)
- [HHS to Make Coverage More Accessible and Affordable for Millions of Americans in 2023](#)
- [HHS Secretary Becerra: 12 to 15 Year-Olds Can Now Get a Pfizer Booster](#)
- [HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra Instructs CMS to Reassess Recommendation for 2022 Medicare Part B Premium](#)
- [HRSA Updates the Affordable Care Act Preventive Health Care Guidelines to Improve Care for Women and Children](#)
- [Statement from HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra on Supreme Court COVID-19 Vaccine Decisions](#)

#### **National Institute of Health (NIH)**

- NIH [releases a news release](#) titled " NIH scientists urge pursuit of universal coronavirus vaccine"
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled " Parenting program to prevent obesity in firstborn children benefits siblings"

- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “Report details 20 years of advances and challenges of Americans’ oral health”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “A high-fiber diet may improve the response of melanoma patients to immunotherapy”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “Sleep-disordered breathing in early pregnancy linked to insulin resistance”
- NIH [released a news release](#) titled “COVID-19 vaccination associated with a small, temporary increase in menstrual cycle length, suggests NIH-funded study”

#### **National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)**

- NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow [released a news release](#) titled “Making Addiction Treatment More Realistic And Pragmatic: The Perfect Should Not Be The Enemy Of The Good”
- NIDA has a [number of new priority research areas](#) that are available for submission.



*Based on previous positions taken by the Academy, the following scan is meant for informational purposes and does not directly translate to Academy endorsement. Links provided allow you to watch the recordings and read witness testimony.*

#### **House Committee on Financial Services**

- January 19: [Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations: Ensuring Equitable Delivery of Disaster Benefits to Vulnerable Communities and Peoples: An Examination of GAO's Findings of the CDBG Program](#)
- January 20: [Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development and Insurance: Ending Homelessness: Addressing Local Challenges In Housing the Most Vulnerable](#)

#### **House Committee on Veterans Affairs**

- January 19: [Full Committee: The True Cost of Our Promise to Toxic-Exposed Veterans](#)

#### **Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)**

- January 11: [Full Committee Hearing: Addressing New Variants: A Federal Perspective on the COVID-19 Response](#)

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