

COVID-19 DIGEST



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Academy News

January 28: The Academy sent a [press release](#) applauding President Biden's Executive Orders to **accelerate the vaccine rollout, increase personal protective equipment (PPE) production, elevate face mask requirements, and rejoin the World Health Organization (WHO)**, all with a **renewed focus on health equity** that aligns with the Academy's vision: healthy lives for all people.


The Academy will be focusing its COVID-19 work in 2021 on the following priorities:

- **Protect our most vulnerable populations.**
- **Support nurses and healthcare providers.**
- **Accelerate access to and education of COVID-19 vaccines.**
- **Increase access, speed, and accuracy of testing.**

Note: The CDC [released](#) a series of COVID-19 vaccine training modules for healthcare providers.



COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules

 [COVID-19 Vaccine Training: General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers](#)

 [Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know](#)

 [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know](#)

DISTINGUISHED NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
THROUGH FRIDAY 2/5



Fellow Highlights

Nancy T. Brown, MS, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, **Julia A. Snethen**, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Cindy Smith Greenberg**, DNSc, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN, **Marilyn Frenn**, PhD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FTOS, FAAN, **Jill F. Kilanowski**, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN, **Bonnie Gance-Cleveland**, PhD, PNP, RNC, FAAN, **Pamela J. Burke**, PhD, RN, FNP, PPCNP-BC, FSHM, FAAN, and **Linda Lewandowski**, PhD, RN, FAAN, [co-authored an article](#) titled "When pandemics collide: The impact of COVID-19 on childhood obesity" in the *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*.

Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, was featured in two videos titled "[For Physicians & Nurses: Answers to COVID-19 Vaccination Questions for HCPs](#)" and "[For Healthcare Providers: Answers to COVID-19 Vaccination Logistics Questions](#)" by the Ad Council.

Karen Robinson, PhD, RN, FAAN, [authored an article](#) titled "Comparing the Spanish flu and COVID-19 pandemics: Lessons to carry forward" featuring Academy President **Eileen Sullivan-Marx**, PhD, RN, FAAN, in *Wiley Online Library*.

Academy President **Eileen Sullivan-Marx**, PhD, RN, FAAN, [was quoted in an article](#) titled "Nursing students inspired to help others amid pandemic" on *Fox 5 New York*.

Connie Ulrich, PhD, MSN, RN, FAAN, [authored an op-ed](#) titled "Nurses are reaching their COVID-19 breaking point. It didn't have to be this way" in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Featured Fellow



Academy President-Elect **Kenneth R. White**, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN, has been working as a vaccine volunteer at UVA Health to administer COVID-19 vaccinations. If you have also been active with the vaccination rollout, the Academy wants to hear from you! [Share](#) your experiences to be featured in upcoming editions of *COVID Digest*.

Image Source: [UVA School of Nursing](#).

News & Updates from National Organizations

American Nurses Association (ANA) [released an issue](#) of *American Nurse* titled "COVID-19 Pandemic: Nurses Respond."

The Guardian [released an article](#) titled "Lost on the frontline: US healthcare workers who died fighting COVID-19." Notably, there have been 3,303 healthcare worker deaths, with nurses accounting for the greatest proportion at 31%.



Source: [The Guardian](#)

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) [published an article](#) titled "Protecting nurses and other healthcare workers tops ICN's agenda." ICN also [published an article](#) titled "Resuscitation of COVID-19 Patients."

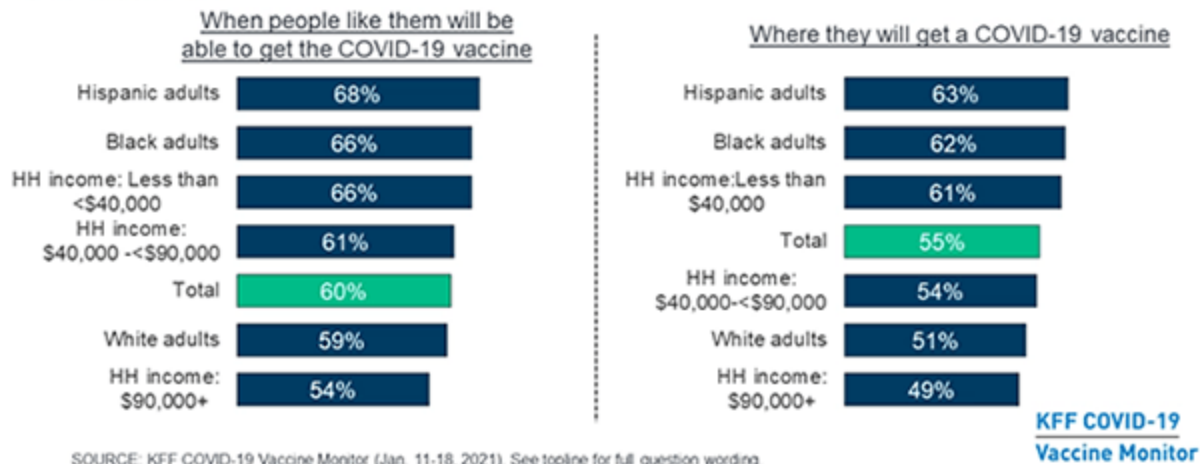
Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) [released an article](#) titled “KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: January 2021.” KFF [published a policy brief](#) titled “Key Characteristics of Health Care Workers and Implications for COVID-19 Vaccination.”

Kaiser Health News (KHN) [released an article](#) titled “Black Americans Are Getting Vaccinated at Lower Rates Than White Americans.” KHN [released an article](#) titled “Huge Gaps in Vaccine Data Make It Next to Impossible to Know Who Got the Shots.”

Figure 7

Limited Information About When, Where To Get The Vaccine Is Particularly An Issue For Black, Hispanic, And Lower Income Adults

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN VACCINATED: Percent who say they do not have enough information about:



[Source: KFF](#)

National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [published an article](#) titled “National Organizations Call for Action to Implement Crisis Standards of Care During COVID-19 Surge.” NAM [will host a webinar](#) titled “A New Year of COVID — The State of the Pandemic & U.S. Strategy in 2021.” For more information, click [here](#).

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) [hosted a webinar](#) titled “Crisis Standards of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Real-time Legal Issues and Solutions.”

National Governors Association (NGA) [released a policy memo](#) titled “Phased Allocation Of COVID-19 Vaccines: State And Territorial Approaches.”

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation [will host a webinar](#) titled “COVID-19 and the Legacy of Racism: Vaccine Hesitancy and Treatment Bias” on February 3rd. NIHCM also [hosted a series of webinars](#) on “Stopping the Other Pandemic: Systemic Racism and Health.”

The New York Times (NYT) [released an interactive map](#) to track the COVID-19 vaccine progress in each state in the United States.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) [released a policy brief](#) titled “From Safety Net to Solid Ground: One in Three Adults Used Telehealth During the First Six Months of the Pandemic, but Unmet Needs for Care Persisted.”

The World Health Organization (WHO) [published a press release](#) titled “COVAX Announces new agreement, plans for first deliveries.” WHO [published a press release](#) titled “Emergency Committee on COVID-19 advises on variants, vaccines.” Read the Emergency Committee’s full statement [here](#).

Federal Government Response

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



- CDC [released guidance](#) on “Ensuring the Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines in the United States.”
- CDC [announced](#) an order regarding all air passengers arriving to the US from a foreign country to get tested no more than 3 days before their flight departs and to present the negative result or documentation.
- CDC [published a new tool](#) to track the different COVID-19 variants and the amount of known cases in the country.
- CDC [published a toolkit](#) for essential workers on the COVID-19 vaccine.
- CDC [published a toolkit](#) designed for public health officials, K-12 administrators, school district officials, and occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals to assess hazards and implement mitigation strategies to reduce the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in schools.
- CDC [published guidance](#) for expanded screening testing to reduce silent spread of SARS-CoV-2.
- CDC [released guidelines](#) on “What to Expect at Your Appointment to Get Vaccinated for COVID-19.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Operational Considerations for Immunization Services During COVID-19 in Non-US Settings Focusing on Low-Middle Income Countries.”
- 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 [released a toolkit](#) titled “Toolkit on State Actions to Mitigate COVID-19 Prevalence in Nursing Homes.”
- CMS [launched](#) an innovative web-based platform to help standardize “Section 1135” waiver requests and other Public Health Emergency (PHE)-related inquiries the agency receives.
- 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 of Health and Human Services (HHS)

- HHS and the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) [announced](#) that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for violations of the HIPAA Rules on covered health care providers or their business associates in connection with the good faith use of online or web-based scheduling applications (collectively, “WBSAs”) for the scheduling of individual appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

- HHS [published a press release](#) titled “Dr. Anthony S. Fauci Remarks at the World Health Organization Executive Board Meeting.”
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled “HHS Launches Web-Based Locator for COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment Sites for Monoclonal Antibodies.”
- HHS [announced](#) the extension of the Community Based Testing Site program for COVID-19 testing, through partnership with national pharmacy and retail chains CVS, Rite-Aid, Walgreens, Quest (through services at Walmart) and service provider eTrueNorth (through services at Health Mart and Topco locations).
- HHS [announced](#) two upcoming actions by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide more than \$22 billion in funding to states, localities, and territories in support of the nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as directed by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.



Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- FDA [published a press release](#) titled “Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Takes Action to Place All Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizers from Mexico on Import Alert to Help Prevent Entry of Violative and Potentially Dangerous Products into U.S., Protect U.S. Consumers.”
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled “FDA Issues Alert Regarding SARS-CoV-2 Viral Mutation to Health Care Providers and Clinical Laboratory Staff.”
- FDA [released a statement](#) titled “FDA Statement on Following the Authorized Dosing Schedules for COVID-19 Vaccines.”



Indian Health Service (IHS)

- RADM Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, Director of IHS, [released a statement](#) titled “Tribal and Urban Indian Organization Leader Message on COVID-19.”
- IHS [published a presentation](#) on Tribal Consultation & Urban Confer.



National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH launches database to track neurological symptoms associated with COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “Full-dose blood thinners decreased need for life support and improved outcome in hospitalized COVID-19 patients.”

- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “Large clinical trial will test combination monoclonal antibody therapy for mild/moderate COVID-19.”

Lori Marie Key, a 29-year-old nurse from Livonia, Michigan, Sings “Amazing Grace” at National COVID Remembrance



[Source: PBS News Hour](#)

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