

COVID-19

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Academy Actions

Statement on Racism

The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) mourns the death of George Floyd and stands with those across the country calling for action to change structures and policies that have enabled and permitted senseless violence to occur. His death, and those of others before him, is a tragic reminder of the stark inequities and systemic racism that persist today, which have become further exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. Violence, discrimination, and racism have a direct impact on determinants of health, exacerbate health inequities, and can lead to long-term trauma.

Read the Academy's full statement [here](#).



Nurses Month & Our Hope for the Future

Reflecting on the Academy's celebration of Nurses Month, our hope for the future is that in communities around the globe, the impact of nursing leadership, innovation, and science will advance health equity and usher in meaningful change. As we continue our recognition of 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife, we offer our hopes for the future

and [this video message](#) from Academy Leadership, Living Legends, and Fellows.

All of the Academy's Nurses Month videos and resources are available [here](#).

Membership in the World Health Organization Must Remain a Priority for Global Health

On June 2, the Academy released a [follow-up statement](#) to reinforce its April 17 [statement](#) that the United States involvement in the World Health Organization (WHO) is vital to global access to resources and protecting global health security. During a worldwide pandemic, now is not the time to terminate the long-standing relationship our country has had with the WHO since its inception 72 years ago.

Connect Fellow to Fellow Through the [COVID-19 Discussion Forum](#)

To help facilitate Fellow-to-Fellow conversations around the pandemic, we have created a private [COVID-19 Discussion](#) forum. This is an opportunity for you to share your stories, photos, videos, anecdotes, resources, and other pertinent information with each other and the Academy staff. *Please contact [Austin Hunte](#) with questions or if you need help accessing the site.*

Fellow Highlights

Kimberly Adams Tufts, ND, WHNP-BC, FAAN, will be a panelist for an **Old Dominion University** [webinar](#), "Weathering the COVID-19 Storm" on Tuesday, June 16 from 3 – 4 pm.



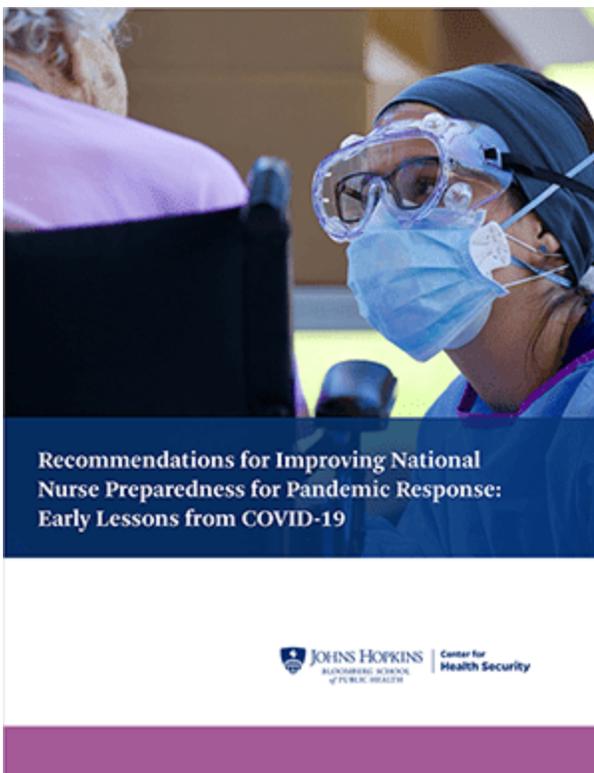
Monica McLemore, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, was a speaker for the **Hollywood, Health & Society** [webinar](#), "Racism and Maternal Health in the Age of COVID-19."

Freida Outlaw, PhD, RN, APRN, FAAN, was featured in a **Tennessee Justice Center** [webinar](#) titled "Advancing Health Equity Through Medicaid: A Call to Action to Prevent the Next Public Health Crisis."

Ukamaka Oruche, PhD, RN, FAAN, [joined a press conference](#) with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to advise caregiving and parenting children and mental health needs in the era of the COVID-19 pandemic.

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, **Sheila Davis**, DNP, ANP-BC, FAAN, **Patricia J. Mooreland**, PhD, CNP, FAAN, **Linda H. Aiken**, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, et. al, authored an [article](#), "Rapid Investment in Nursing to Strengthen the Global COVID-19 Response" in the *International Journal of Nursing Studies*.

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, **Patricia M. Davidson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Polly Mazanec**, PhD, AOCN, ACHPN, FPCN, FAAN, **Patricia J. Moreland**, PhD, CPNP, FAAN, **Salimah H. Meghani**, PhD, MBE, RN, FAAN, et. al, authored an [article](#), "Recommendations to Leverage the Palliative Nursing Role During COVID-19 and Future Public Health Crises."



Tener Goodwin Veenema, PhD, MPH, MS, RN, FAAN, Diane Meyer, MPH, RN, Sue Anne Bell, PhD, FNP-BC, NHDP-BC, **Mary Pat Couig**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, **Christopher Friese**, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, **Roberta Lavin**, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN, **Joan Stanley**, PhD, RN, FAAN, et al. have authored a [report](#), "Recommendations for Improving National Nurse Preparedness for Pandemic Response: Early Lessons from COVID-19."

Dr. Veenema will further discuss the report as a speaker for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's [webinar](#), "Improving Nurse Preparedness for a Pandemic Response: Implications for U.S. Schools of Nursing" on June 26 from 12-1 pm EST. She also [coauthored an article](#) in *Forbes* titled, "Why America's

Nurses Were Not Prepared for the Coronavirus Pandemic."

Featured Fellow



LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FNAP, FAAN, Associate Dean for Global Health and Equity, Yale University School of Nursing, recently coauthored a [paper](#) titled, "Understanding COVID-19 Risks and Vulnerabilities among Black Communities in America: The Lethal Force of Syndemics" in the journal, *Annals of Epidemiology*. This timely paper offers an in-depth look at the multiple afflictions that continue to have a disproportionate burden

on Black Americans.

In a [release](#) by Yale University, Dr. Nelson says, "Black communities are bearing the brunt of COVID-19 throughout the United States. The data show that we are not all at equal risk during this pandemic, and this is a racialized disease."

While the population is 13% Black, this population accounts for approximately 30% of the COVID cases within the 14 states that had available racial data. The paper also delves into the race-based societal systems that further exacerbate health outcomes for Black Americans.

(Photo & Quote from [Yale](#))

News & Updates from Organizations

The **American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN Critical Care)** has published [advocacy statements](#) related to ethical issues and the COVID-19 pandemic. A [position statement](#) and [blogpost](#) to address facing moral distress. A second [position statement](#) and [blog post](#) to focus on ethical triage and end-of-life care. For more information, please visit their [website](#).



The **American Nurses Foundation (ANF)** [announced](#) the "Well-Being Initiative" aimed at providing mental health resources for nurses. The **American Nurses Association (ANA)**, **AACN**

Critical Care, **American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA)**, and **Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)** are partners with ANF for this initiative. See the full list of resources on their [website](#).

The **Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC)** recorded a [webinar](#) earlier this week, "Living and Aging with HIV During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Additional webinars and resources are available [here](#).

The **City Club of Cleveland** is hosting a [virtual forum](#), "Nurses Lead America to Health," featuring Rear Admiral Aisha K. Mix, US Assistant Surgeon General, US Public Health Service, on Friday, June 26 from 12:30 – 1:30 pm.

The **National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)** [announced a workshop](#) titled "Public-Private Partnership Responses to COVID-19 and Future Pandemics – A Workshop" on June 25 – 26 from 10am – 2:15pm EST. Register [here](#).

Reuters published an [article](#), "COVID-19 death toll among nurses doubled in past month."

Federal Government Response

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Clinician Outreach and

Communication Activity (COCA)

- CDC continues to [release guidance](#) on how to navigate states' and businesses' reopening to ensure safety during the global pandemic.
- CDC continues to [update](#) data on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States.
- CDC continues to [release videos](#) about how to stop the spread of germs as well as various calls with industry-specific guidance.
- CDC [recorded a webinar](#): "Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response." For the previously recorded clinician-specific calls, visit the [website](#).

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Activity

- CMS [released a guide](#) for patients and beneficiaries as they consider their in-person care options. These recommendations will ensure that non-emergency healthcare resumes safely and that patients are receiving needed in-person treatment that may have been postponed due to the public health emergency. Read the [guidance](#).
- CMS [announced](#) enhanced enforcement for nursing homes with violations of long standing infection control practices based on nursing home COVID-19 data and inspection results. There will be increased enforcement (e.g., civil money penalties) for facilities with persistent infection control violations, and enforcement actions will be imposed on lower level infection control deficiencies to ensure they are addressed with increased gravity. To view the comprehensive data from the inspections, visit the [website](#).
- CMS [released](#) the first set of COVID-19 nursing home data. A [snapshot](#) is also available.
- 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 [announced](#) an Enhanced Provider Portal, Relief Fund Payments for Safety Net Hospitals, Medicaid & CHIP Providers.
- HHS [released a fact sheet](#) with initiatives to address the disproportionate effects of COVID-19 on the African Americans and other racial & ethnic minorities.
- HHS [announced](#) new guidance that specifies what additional data must be reported to HHS by laboratories along with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) test results. Read the [guidance](#).
- HHS [announced](#) an additional \$250 million to help U.S. Health Care Systems respond to COVID-19 authorized under the CARES Act.
- HHS [announced](#) \$628 Million to contract with Emergent BioSolutions to secure CDMO (contract development and manufacturing organization) Manufacturing Capacity for Operation Warp Speed.
- HHS [announced](#) \$15 million to combat the coronavirus in rural tribal communities.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- FDA [released a webinar](#) titled "CURE ID: Capturing Clinician's Experiences Repurposing Drugs to Inform Future Studies in the Era of COVID-19."
- FDA [released a webinar](#) titled "Respirators for Health Care Personnel Use during COVID-19 Pandemic."
- FDA [reissued](#) certain emergency use authorizations (EUAs) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination.
- FDA [posted](#) test performance data from four more antibody, or serology, test kits from its independent performance validation study effort with the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) National Cancer Institute (NCI).

- FDA [hosted a virtual town hall](#) for clinical laboratories and commercial manufacturers that are developing or have developed diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2.
- FDA [announced](#) additional action to help ensure widespread access to hand sanitizers during the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., [provided remarks](#) about the global pandemic, finding solutions, and applying lessons learned.
- FDA [released a guide](#) to the regulatory terminology for the potential preventions and treatments for COVID-19.
- FDA [announced](#) further development of COVID-19 tests for at-home self-collection by including a voluntary EUA template for at-home sample collection kits to its website.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH [announced a study](#) that identifies potential approaches to treat severe respiratory distress in patients with COVID-19.
- NIH [announced](#) that early results show that remdesivir provides positive benefits for treatment of COVID-19.

[Aya Brown Honors Essential Workers Through Uplifting Drawings](#)



(Photo from Brown's [Instagram](#))

Art is a powerful medium for storytelling and provides inspiration, hope, and healing. As we continue to face a global pandemic and racial injustice, and reflecting on the International Year of the Nurse & Midwife, we are reminded of the vital connection between our own wellness as nurses and that of the public. The Academy recently launched a Call for Artists to create a mechanism for Fellows to express themselves and their reflections through art and to support each other. Learn more and submit your artwork [here](#).



Call for Artists

Inspiring Hope through Nursing Art
In Crisis and Calm: Leading with Purpose

For Fellows who wish to further explore art as an outlet, **Mary Rockwood Lane**, PhD, RN, FAAN leads a free, six-week, online course, "Healing with the Arts" through the University of Florida Coursera platform. [Learn more.](#)

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