


# COVID-19 DIGEST



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## Academy Updates

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**The Future of Nursing 2020-2030:  
A Dialogue on Equity, Research, Innovation, and Leadership**

June 15, 2021  
2:30-3:30 PM ET

The Academy is hosting a [webinar](#), "The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: A Dialogue on Equity, Research, Innovation, and Leadership," on **Tuesday, June 15, 2021 from 2:30 - 3:30 PM ET** to highlight the organization's and its Fellows' commitment to the [The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity](#) report's recommendations. Leadership from the Academy's signature initiatives – the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), the Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) and EdgeRunners, as well as leadership from the Academy's Diversity and Inclusivity (D&I) committee, will have a dialogue with **Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN**, on the synergy between the report's recommendations and the Academy's work to advance health and health equity.

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**OCTOBER 7-9, 2021**

As the Academy staff and Board of Directors continue to assess this year's conference format and potential implications due to the pandemic, your input is requested. Please complete this short 5-minute [survey](#) by **June 15, 2021** to help us better anticipate attendance. All responses are anonymous and will only be used by staff for operational planning purposes. For questions please contact [conferences@AANnet.org](mailto:conferences@AANnet.org).

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**Featured Fellow**



Academy Fellow and Institute for Nursing Leadership National Advisory Council Chair **Julie Fairman**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Endowed Chair, Nightingale Professor in Honor of Nursing Veterans, Director, RWJF Future of Nursing Scholars Program, University of Pennsylvania, has been working to provide a historical, nursing perspective to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Her article, "[Epidemics from the Perspective of Professional Nursing: Beyond Germs, Public Health, and Pot Banging](#)," published in *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, expands the meaning of an epidemic to include the perspectives of nurses and patients in order to deliver a local and personal meaning to the epidemic experience. Dr. Fairman is seeking to answer the question "what is an epidemic?" from the nursing perspective to understand the social structures, policies, and explanations of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"A nursing perspective illustrates the construction of the meaning of an epidemic from the experiences of the patient and professional nurse, from the ground up rather than from the top down," [writes Fairman](#). "It offers different questions exploring the experiences of patients, families, and practitioners, as well as their hopes, expectations, fears, and needs."

## Fellow Vaccine Efforts

The students and faculty at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing continue volunteering during the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, 620 nursing volunteers and over 6,000 hours have been dedicated to vaccinating South Carolina. In partnerships with Dorn VA Medical Center, Kershaw Health, Lexington Medical Center, Mackey Family Practice in Lancaster, SC, Piedmont Medical Center, Prisma Health (Gamecock Park), Providence Health, St. Joseph Catholic Schools, United Cerebral Palsy, and the UofSC Student Health Center, UofSC College of Nursing has served the community on the frontlines of fighting this pandemic. [Thank you Gamecock Nurses!](#)



## Fellow Highlights

**Theresa M. Davis**, PhD, RN, NE-BC, CHTP, FAAN, [was featured in an article](#) titled "Health Systems Successfully Leverage Tele-ICU During Pandemic and Intend to Continue" published by Nurse.com.

**Jeanette Ives Erickson**, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, and **Garrett Chan**, PhD, RN, APRN, FAEN, FPCN, FCNS, FNAP, FAAN, [were featured in an article](#) titled "Meet 15 Nurses Who Disrupted Healthcare through the COVID-19 Pandemic" published by Johnson & Johnson Nursing.

**Anthony Fauci**, MD, FAAN, [presented the Keynote Address](#), *Nurses are the Heroes of the Pandemic*, at the National Teaching Institute & Critical Care Exposition, the annual conference hosted by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN).

**Judith Haber**, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN, and **Erin Hartnett**, DNP, APRN-BC, CPNP, FAAN, have released a [new toolkit](#), "COVID-19: Oral Health Resource Kit," through their Edge Runner model, Oral Health Nursing Education and Practice.

**Karen Robinson**, PhD, RN, FAAN, [published an article](#) titled "Comparing the Spanish flu and COVID-19 pandemics: Lessons to carry forward" in *Nursing Forum*.

**Antonia M. Villarruel**, PhD, RN, FAAN, is [co-leading](#) one of 10 new research teams from across the country that received National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants totaling \$14 million to extend the reach of the NIH's Community Engagement Alliance (CEAL) Against COVID-19 Disparities.

## News & Updates from National Organizations

**American Public Health Association (APHA)** [published a press release](#) titled "APHA rallies behind COVID-19 'National Vaccine Month of Action.'"

**International Council of Nurses (ICN)** [published an article](#) titled "Working Children and coronavirus, Iran." ICN [published an article](#) titled "Building resilient nursing organisations, Japan."

**Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF)** [released a report](#) titled "KFF COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor: May 2021." KFF [published a policy brief](#) titled "Mental Health and Substance Use Considerations Among Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic."

**Kaiser Health News (KHN)** [published an article](#) titled "Public Health Officials Face Wave Of Threats, Pressure Amid Coronavirus Response." KHN [published an article](#) titled "The 'Grief Pandemic' Will Torment Americans for Years." KHN [published an article](#) titled "In Missouri and Other States, Flawed Data Makes It Hard to Track Vaccine Equity."

**National Academy of Medicine (NAM)** and **APHA** [published a webinar](#) titled "Learning to Live With COVID-19" as part of the Responding to COVID-19: A Science-Based Approach series.

**National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)** [released a report](#) titled "Addressing Disaster Vulnerability among Homeless Populations during COVID-19." NASEM [will host a workshop](#) titled "COVID-19: Disaster Preparedness and Vulnerable Populations: A Workshop Series (Part 1)" on June 17th at 1pm ET.

The **National Black Nurses Association** hosted a [webinar](#) titled "Smoking and Vaping during COVID-19."

**The New York Times (NYT)** [published an article](#) titled "How the 'Alpha' Coronavirus Variant Became So Powerful." NYT [published an article](#) titled "We'll Probably Need Booster Shots for Covid-19. But When? And Which Ones?"

**The Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine**, with support from **Gilead Sciences, Inc.**, **Google.org**, the **Annie E. Casey Foundation**, and the **CDC Foundation**, [launched the Health Equity Tracker](#), which is a comprehensive data platform that can highlight and address the impact of COVID-19 and other diseases on the Black, Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other vulnerable and marginalized communities.

**World Health Organization (WHO)** [published a press release](#) titled “Revised scope and direction for the Smart Vaccination Certificate and WHO’s role in the Global Health Trust Framework.” **WHO** [published a press release](#) titled “WHO validates Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use and issues interim policy recommendations.” **WHO** [published a press release](#) titled “New US\$50 billion health, trade and finance roadmap to end the pandemic and secure a global recovery.”

## Federal Government Response



### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) [released a report](#) on older adult cases from September 6, 2020-May 1, 2021.
- CDC [updated a resource](#) titled “List of COVID-19 Resources for Correctional and Detention Facilities.”
- CDC [updated guidance](#) titled “Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 Vaccination.”
- CDC MMWR [released a report](#) titled “Hospitalization of Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Maintaining Essential Health Services During COVID-19 in Low Resource, Non-U.S. Settings.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “V-safe COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs).”
- CDC MMWR [released a report](#) titled “Patterns in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage, by Social Vulnerability and Urbanicity.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Health Equity in Action.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Choosing Safer Activities.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “Myocarditis and Pericarditis Following mRNA COVID-19 Vaccination.”
- CDC [published guidance](#) titled “COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens.”
- CDC MMWR [released a report](#) titled “The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices’ Interim Recommendation for Use of Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine in Adolescents Aged 12–15 Years.”
- CDC MMWR [released a report](#) titled “Disparities in COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Between Urban and Rural Counties.”
- CDC continues to [update](#) data on the number of COVID-19 cases, deaths, and tests in the United States.

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





- CMS [released data](#) highlighting the continued impact the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is having on Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries and utilization of health services.
- CMS [issued guidance](#) on how states can receive enhanced funding, provided through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), to increase access to home and community based services (HCBS) for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- 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 for Health and Human Services (HHS)

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- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "Biden Administration Recommends Policy Changes to Secure U.S. Pharmaceutical Supply Chain."
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "Readout of the Fourth Covid-19 Health Equity Task Force Meeting."
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "HHS Launches First Venture Capital Partnership to Develop Transformative Technologies to Combat Future Pandemics, Other Health Emergencies."
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "HHS to Dedicate \$4.8 Billion from American Rescue Plan to COVID-19 Testing for the Uninsured."
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled "More Than 10 Million COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered by Community Health Centers."



## Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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- FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee [will host](#) its next meeting on June 10th at 8:30am ET. Watch the meeting [here](#).
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update: FDA Authorizes Additional Monoclonal Antibody for Treatment of COVID-19."
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "FDA In Brief: FDA Authorizes Longer Time for Refrigerator Storage of Thawed Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Prior to Dilution, Making Vaccine More Widely Available."
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "FDA In Brief: FDA Advises Against Use of SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Test Results to Evaluate Immunity or Protection From COVID-19, Including After Vaccination."

- Dr. Francis Collins [published a blog](#) titled “How COVID-19 Can Lead to Diabetes.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH researchers identify potential new antiviral drug for COVID-19.”
- Dr. Francis Collins [published a blog](#) titled “Taking Down COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH clinical trial evaluating mixed COVID-19 vaccine schedules begins.”
- Dr. Francis Collins [published a blog](#) titled “U.K. Study Shows Power of Digital Contact Tracing for COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “U.S. blood donations are safe under current COVID-19 screening guidelines.”

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## Painting Bravery

A portrait artist, Tim Okamura, tries to capture the spirit of nurses on the front lines of the pandemic.





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