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.

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.

Complete the Conference Survey
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.


The National Black Nurses Association hosted a webinar titled "Smoking and Vaping during COVID-19."


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.

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 “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)

- 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)

- 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 “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.”

Painting Bravery

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