Academy Living Legend, retired Brigadier General Clara Adams-Ender, MSN, CNA, RN, FAAN, LLAAN, has been serving on the frontlines to vaccinate her community of Manassas, Virginia to combat COVID-19. This year marks 60 years in nursing practice for BG Adams-Enders, including serving as the 18th Chief of the Army Nurse Air Corps, and she is continuing to make an extraordinary impact. Her volunteer work with the Medical Reserve Corps of Virginia was highlighted in a recent Yes! Weekly article, which included a video interview produced by the U.S. Department of Defense, where she discusses why she decided to get vaccinated and why she’s helping others get vaccinated.
“I’m out here right now giving the vaccine and doing my work as a nurse because I heard that the nation needed to be vaccinated.” BG Adams-Ender said “I chose to give the vaccine because I have taken many, many vaccines over my course of living that had to do with diseases and communicable diseases that were causing us problems at the time and so I just considered that this was another one that we had to deal with.” Before retiring after 34 years in the Army, she put in motion many strategies to assist with recruiting and retaining military nurses. BG Adams-Ender continues to leverage her expertise through similar efforts today based largely on a tailored outreach providing information, education, and logistical support in her community to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Fellow Highlights

Margaret Bevans, PhD, RN, FAAN, CAPT, U.S. Public Health Service, and David Marshall, JD, DNP, RN, FAAN, Deputy Team Commander, TX-3 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, National Disaster Medical System, led teams in support of a federal vaccine mission in Western New York.

Nancy Blake, PhD, RN, CCRN-K, NEA-BC, FAAN, authored an article titled “Building a new, better normal after COVID-19” published in Nursing Management.

Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, was featured in an article titled “Major nursing home pilot looks to the past for cues about collaboration, innovation.”

RADM Denise Hinton, MS, RN, FAAN, was featured on an episode of the FDA’s Health Equity Forum Podcast titled “A conversation with the FDA Chief Scientist: Learn about the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Process.”

David Vlahov, PhD, RN, FAAN, authored an article titled “Eviction, Health Inequity, and the Spread of COVID-19: Housing Policy as a Primary Pandemic Mitigation Strategy” in Journal of Urban Health.

Anne Dabrow Woods, DNP, RN, CRNP, ANP-BC, AGACNP-BC, FAAN, was featured in an article titled “Preventing Nurse Burnout, Beginning with Hospital Leadership” in Minority Nurse.

News & Updates from National Organizations

American Hospital Association (AHA) published a statement titled “ACIP Meeting from Nation’s Leading Doctors, Nurses and Public Health Leaders on Benefits of Vaccination.”

American Public Health Association (APHA) and the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) hosted a webinar titled “A Tale of Two Pandemics: COVID-19 and Global Vaccine Equity” as part of the COVID-19 Conversations series.


National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) published a press release titled “COVID-19 Pandemic and Racial Trauma Have Caused Unprecedented Disruption Among Youth; School-Based Supports Can Help Address Mental Health Concerns.” NASEM published an article titled “Variants, Misinformation, and ‘Brain Drain’ — The COVID-19 Vaccine Experience in Brazil, India, and Africa.”

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) posted infographics on Native Americans & Health Equity. NIHCM posted infographics on Hispanic Americans & Health Equity.

Federal Government Response

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC published updated guidance titled “Selected Adverse Events Reported after COVID-19 Vaccination.”
- CDC’s MMWR released a report titled “Outcomes Among Patients Referred to Outpatient Rehabilitation Clinics After COVID-19 diagnosis.”
- CDC published updated guidance titled “V-safe COVID-19 Vaccine Pregnancy Registry.”
- CDC published updated guidance titled “Post-COVID Conditions.”
- CDC’s MMWR released a report titled “Symptoms of Depression, Anxiety, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder,”
and Suicidal Ideation Among State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- CDC published updated guidance titled “Toolkit for People with Disabilities.”
- CDC’s MMWR released a report titled “COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage Among Adults.”
- CDC published interim guidance titled “Interim Guidance on People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness.”
- CDC’s MMWR released a report titled “Hospitalization of Adolescents Aged 12–17 Years with Laboratory-Confirmed COVID-19.”
- CDC continues to update data on the number of COVID-19 vaccinations distributed in the United States.
- CDC continues to update data on the number of COVID-19 cases caused by variants.
- 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 published a press release titled “Biden Administration Continues Efforts to Increase Vaccinations By Bolstering Payments for At-Home COVID-19 Vaccinations for Medicare 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 Provides $398 Million to Small Rural Hospitals for COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation.”
- HHS published a press release titled “Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Vaccine Boosters.”
- HHS published a press release titled “Readout of the Fifth COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Meeting.”
- HHS published a press release titled “HHS Announces Awardees of $250 Million to Fight COVID-19 and Improve Health Literacy Among
Racial and Ethnic Minority and Vulnerable Communities.

- HHS published a statement titled “Statement Following CDC ACIP Meeting from Nation’s Leading Doctors, Nurses, Pharmacists and Public Health Leaders on Benefits of Vaccination.”
- HHS published a press release titled “HHS Announces $80 million in American Rescue Plan Funding to Strengthen U.S. Public Health IT, Improve COVID-19 Data Collection, and Bolster Representation of Underrepresented Communities in Public Health IT Workforce.”
- HHS published a press release titled “HHS Awards $125 Million in Workforce Grants for Community-Based Efforts to Bolster COVID-19 Vaccinations in Underserved Communities.”
- HHS published a press release titled “HHS Provides $424.7 Million to Rural Health Clinics for COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation in Rural Communities.”

**Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

- FDA hosted a webinar titled “Respirators and Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Health Care Personnel Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
- FDA released a report titled “3D Printing in FDA’s Rapid Response to COVID-19.”
- FDA hosted a webinar titled “SARS-CoV-2: Host-pathogen interaction, vaccines & variants of concern.”
- FDA released a statement titled “Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Vaccine Boosters.”
- FDA published a press release titled “FDA Revokes Emergency Use Authorizations for Certain Respirators and Decontamination Systems as Access to N95s Increases Nationwide.”
- FDA released a report titled “Drug Shortages for Calendar Year 2020.”
- FDA released updated fact sheets on the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines.
- FDA published an updated version of the “FDA COVID-19 Response At-A-Glance Summary.”
FDA published a press release titled “FDA Takes Steps to Increase Availability of COVID-19 Vaccine.”

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- Dr. Francis Collins published a blog titled “mRNA Vaccines May Pack More Persistent Punch Against COVID-19 Than Thought.”
- Dr. Francis Collins published a blog titled “New Metric Identifies Coronavirus Hotspots in Real Time.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH COVID-19 testing initiative funds additional research projects to safely return children to in-person school.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH-funded screening study builds case for frequent COVID-19 antigen testing.”
- Dr. Francis Collins published a blog titled “How Immunity Generated from COVID-19 Vaccines Differs from an Infection.”
- NIH published a press release titled “NIH begins study of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy and postpartum.”
- Dr. Francis Collins participated in an interview titled “Meet an Inspiring Researcher Who Helped Create COVID-19 mRNA Vaccines.”
- NIH published a press release titled “U.S. clinical trial results show Novavax vaccine is safe and prevents COVID-19.”
- Dr. Francis Collins published a blog titled “Could a Nasal Spray of Designer Antibodies Help to Beat COVID-19?”

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