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Featured Fellow

Academy Living Legend, retired **Brigadier General Clara Adams-ENDER**, MSN, CNAA, 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.

International Council of Nurses (ICN) [published a press release](#) titled "Aged care nurses during COVID-19: Protecting older people." **ICN** [published a press release](#) titled "Rapid development of COVID Resources, USA."

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.

Health Equity: What Did We Learn From COVID-19 and What is Next?

How were different racial & ethnic groups impacted by COVID-19?

Black, Hispanic and American Indian/Alaska Natives were more likely to be hospitalized or die from COVID-19 than their White counterparts



Source: [NIHCM](#)

World Health Organization (WHO) [released a statement](#) titled “COVID-19 subcommittee of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety (GACVS): updated guidance regarding myocarditis and pericarditis reported with COVID-19 mRNA vaccines.” **WHO** [released a statement](#) titled “Joint COVAX Statement on the Equal Recognition of Vaccines.”

Federal Government Response



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) [released a report](#) titled “Acceptability of Adolescent COVID-19 Vaccination Among Adolescents and Parents of Adolescents.”
- 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 [published an updated guide](#) titled “COVID-19 Science Update released: July 9, 2021 Edition 97.”
- CDC [published updated guidance](#) titled “Healthcare Facilities in Production for COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting.”
- 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 “New Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Snapshot Shows Almost 10 million Americans Enrolled in Coverage During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.”
- 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 of 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 “New Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Snapshot Shows Almost 10 million Americans Enrolled in Coverage During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.”
- HHS [published a press release](#) titled “Biden Administration to Invest \$3 Billion from American Rescue Plan as Part of COVID-19 Antiviral Development Strategy.”
- 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 a press release](#) titled “FDA Authorizes Drug for Treatment of COVID-19.”
- 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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