

# COVID-19 DIGEST



September 11, 2020

## A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

We will never forget those we lost and the sacrifices made on September 11, 2001



## Academy News

September 4: The Academy submitted comments to the National Academy of Medicine's (NAM) **Committee on Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus** regarding the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. [Read more.](#)



## Fellow Highlights

**Linda Washington-Brown**, PhD, EJD, APRN-C, FAANP, FAAN is coauthor of the [article](#), "Coronavirus Disease - 2019-nCoV (COVID-19)," published in the *Journal of the National Black Nurses Association*.

**Pamela S. Hinds**, PhD, RN, FAAN was [awarded](#) the Nightingale Award for excellence in the field of nursing by *The Washington Post* and the *American Nurses Association*.

**Ora L. Strickland**, PhD, D.Sc. (Hon), RN, FAAN and **Joyce Newman Giger**, EdD, APRN, BC, FAAN are coauthors of the [article](#), "African-Americans Have a Higher Propensity for Death from COVID-19: Rationale and Causation." published in the *Journal of the National Black Nurses Association*.

## Featured Fellow

**Joyce Newman Giger**, EdD, APRN, BC, FAAN, who currently serves as Editor for the [\*Journal of the National Black Nurses Association\*](#), has been utilizing her role to elevate the profession's response to the COVID-19 pandemic while highlighting its impact on Black and Brown communities. Internationally renowned for her work with people from biologically, racially, ethnically and culturally diverse populations, Dr. Giger is poised to disseminate this critical information in a time of great need.

In addition to the article published with Dr. Strickland (above), she recently coauthored the [article](#), "What Nurses Should Know About COVID-19."



## News & Updates from National Organizations

**ABC News** published an [article](#) on nurses' concerns about bringing coronavirus into their homes after a shift.

The **Boston Globe** published an [article](#) titled, "A painter's tribute to nurses: 'I want us to remember what these frontline workers did.'"

**CNN** published an [article](#) highlighting a nurse who started a free pantry to help her colleagues who are struggling to make ends meet during the coronavirus pandemic.

The **Color for Coronavirus Project** shared [new data](#) showing that the number of deaths and per-capita death rates increased dramatically in August for Black Americans and other minority groups.

**The Guardian** published an [article](#) titled, "Covid-19 death rate among African Americans and Latinos rising sharply."

The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** released a [new report](#) titled, "State of the World's Nursing Report – Policy Dialogue Next Steps: the COVID-19 Factor."

**Johnson & Johnson** [announced](#) the Johnson & Johnson Nurses Innovate QuickFire Challenge: COVID-19 Patient Care, together with the **American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL)** and the **Society of Nurse Scientists, Innovators, Entrepreneurs & Leaders (SONSIEL)**. Nurses and nursing students from around the world are invited to submit their ideas aiming to improve COVID-19 patient care.

The **Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF)** [released data](#) showing that most adults in the United States are wary of taking any coronavirus vaccine before the 2020 general election. **KFF** also published an [article](#) titled, "What Is the Risk of Catching the Coronavirus on a Plane?"

The **National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM)** hosted a [webinar](#) titled, "Conversations on COVID-19: Impacts on Communities of Color." **NASEM** [published a story](#) on how hospitals can overcome staffing and supply shortages during COVID-19 surges.

The **National Academy of Medicine (NAM)** released a [discussion draft](#) of the preliminary framework for equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine. **NAM** also hosted a [webinar](#) titled, "Nursing's Role in Health Equity, Public Health Emergencies, and COVID-19 – Critical Issues for **The Future of Nursing 2020-2030**."

The **Patient Experience Journal (PXJ)**, [published a case study](#) titled, "Nursing Leadership During COVID-19: Enhancing Patient, Family, and Workforce Experience."

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)** published a [brief](#) titled, "Marketplace Pulse: The COVID Recession and Uninsurance: What's in the Model?" RWJF also [released a report](#) on the impact of coronavirus on households access America.

**Stars & Stripes** published an [article](#) on how residents of veterans' homes are being left behind during the coronavirus pandemic.

The **World Health Organization (WHO)** released [interim guidance](#) on COVID-19 management in the accommodation sector. **WHO** continues to release a [weekly report](#) detailing the research, funding, and efforts underway in the fight against COVID-19.

## Federal Government Response



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

- A new [survey](#) by the CDC found that 18- to 24-year old's reports the highest levels of symptoms of anxiety and depression during the pandemic.
- The CDC in collaboration with various partners, [released two papers](#) today in ***Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)*** highlighting recent changes in U.S. e-cigarette use and sales.
- The CDC [announced](#) that beginning September 14, 2020, the United States Government will remove requirements directing all flights carrying airline passengers arriving from, or recently had a presence in, certain countries to land at one of 15 designated airports and halt enhanced entry health screening for these passengers.
- CDC continues to [update data](#) on the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the United States.



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

- CMS [announced](#) it will resume routine inspections of all Medicare and Medicaid certified providers and suppliers to improve the safety and quality of life of patients and residents.
- CMS [released a toolkit](#) to mitigate COVID-19 prevalence in nursing homes.
- CMS [issued a proposed rule](#) that unleashes innovative technology so Medicare beneficiaries have access to the latest, most cutting-edge devices.
- CMS [convened](#) a roundtable discussion with Minnesota-area health care leaders to discuss ways to further increase the use of medical and health care.
- CMS [issued a final rule](#) for acute care and long-term care hospitals that ensures access to potentially life-saving diagnostics and therapies by unleashing innovation in medical technology and removing barriers to competition.
- CMS Administrator **Seema Verma**, a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, [convened a roundtable discussion](#) with Tampa-area health care leaders to discuss the effect the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had on long term care residents and vulnerable populations in Florida at BayCare Health System in Tampa, Florida.
- 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 released a [guide](#) on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness for kinship families and grandfamilies.



- HHS [released new research](#) that shows the promise of telehealth in treating opioid use disorder.
- HHS [extended coverage](#) under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to licensed health-care practitioners prescribing or administering point-of-care COVID-19 tests, using anterior nares specimen collection or self-collection, for screening in congregate facilities across the Nation.
- HHS, along with **the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** and the **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)** announced that they have signed a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to work together on the Rural Telehealth Initiative, a joint effort to collaborate and share information to address health disparities, resolve service provider challenges, and promote broadband services and technology to rural areas in America.
- HHS [released](#) the Rural Action Plan, the first HHS-wide assessment of rural healthcare efforts in more than 18 years and the product of HHS's Rural Task Force, a group of experts and leaders across the department first put together by Secretary Azar in 2019.
- HHS, through the **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**, [announced](#) the details of a \$2 billion Provider Relief Fund (PRF) performance-based incentive payment distribution to nursing homes.
- HHS, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, [issued guidance](#) under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) to expand access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines when they are made available.
- HHS' Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response recently published, "[Discharge Planning and Care Coordination during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)," a resource developed in partnership with ACL and CMS.



### Indian Health Service (IHS)

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- [Message](#) from the director of the IHS, RADM **Michael D. Weahkee**, MBA, MHA includes important updates on the agency's COVID-19 response.
- IHS [announced](#) the formation of a COVID-19 Critical Care Response Team to provide deployable resources to augment urgent lifesaving medical care to COVID-19 patients admitted to IHS or tribal hospital emergency department or inpatient settings.



### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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- NIH [announced](#) \$129.3 million in scale-up and manufacturing support for a new set of COVID-19 testing technologies as part of its [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx\) initiative](#).

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**Woman Impacted by 9/11 Takes Out \$800K Loan Against Her NYC Home to Give PPE to Pandemic Workers**





(Source: [People](#))



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