

COVID-19 DIGEST



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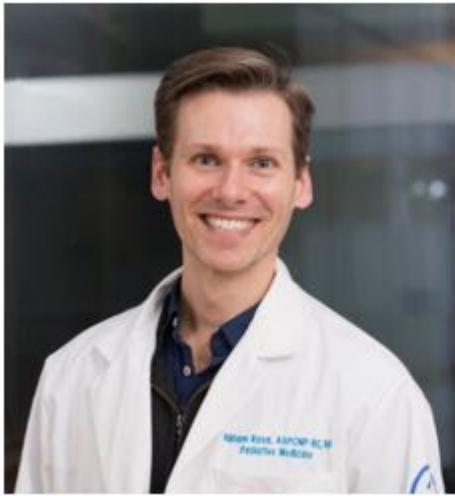
Fellow Highlights

Donna Hallas, PhD, PPCNP-BC, CPNP, PMHS, FAANP, FAAN, [authored an article](#) titled “Emerging dermatologic conditions in the presence of COVID-19 pandemic” in *Contemporary Pediatrics*.

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, **Salimah H. Meghani**, PhD, MBE, RN, FAAN, **Patricia W. Stone**, PhD, RN, FAAN, CIC, and **Betty R. Ferrell**, PhD, RN, FPCN, FAAN [co-authored an editorial](#) titled “Opportunities for Nursing Science to Advance Patient Care in the Time of COVID-19: A Palliative Care Perspective” in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

Featured Fellow

William E. Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Psycho-Oncology Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and **Salimah H. Meghani**, PhD, MBE, RN, FAAN, Professor of Nursing & Term Chair of Palliative Care and Associate Director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health [are defining](#) the role of palliative care nurses during COVID-19. In addition to the editorial above, the pair also [authored](#) “Recommendations to Leverage the Palliative Nursing Role During COVID-19 and Future Public Health Crises” in *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing*. Their articles identify the critical role of the palliative nurse in the midst of COVID-19 and the increasing burden placed on these nurses during times of crises. Their research will inform decisions on the response to COVID-19 and future public health emergencies.



News & Updates from National Organizations

The Black Coalition Against COVID-19, Howard University WHUR Radio Station in coordination with the **National Institutes of Health**, [recorded a show](#) titled “Making It Plain...African-Americans and the COVID-19 Vaccine.”

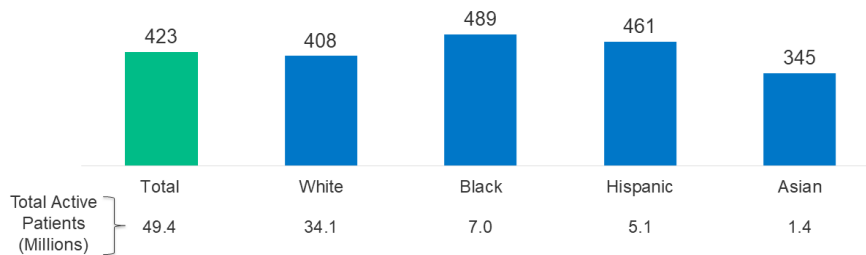
The International Council of Nurses (ICN) [published an article](#) titled “Number of confirmed COVID-19 nurse deaths passes 1000.” ICN [released a report](#) titled “Protecting nurses from COVID-19 a top priority: A survey of ICN’s national nursing associations.”

Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) [published an issue brief](#) titled “COVID-19 Racial Disparities in Testing, Infection, Hospitalization, and Death: Analysis of Epic Patient Data.” KFF [released a policy brief](#) titled “Racial Disparities in Flu Vaccination: Implications for COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts.”

Figure 1

COVID-19 Testing Rate among Active Epic Patients by Race/Ethnicity, as of July 2020

Share of active Epic patients who received a COVID-19 test, per 10,000:



NOTE: Rates for Black, Hispanic, and Asian patients are statistically significantly different from White patients at the p<0.05 level. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic; other groups are non-Hispanic. Data for other racial groups not shown due to insufficient data.

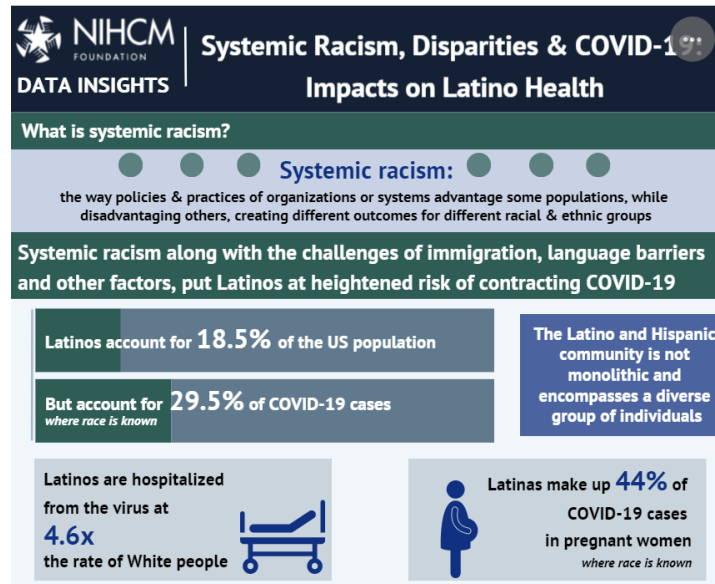
SOURCE: Epic and KFF analysis of Epic Health Record System COVID-19 related data as of July 2020.



Kaiser Health News (KHN) [published an article](#) titled “These Secret Safety Panels Will Pick the COVID Vaccine Winners.” KHN also [released an article](#) titled “Battle Rages Inside Hospitals Over How COVID Strikes and Kills.”

National Academy of Medicine (NAM) [will hold](#) its 50th Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 17th to Monday, October 19th titled “Confronting Urgent Threats to Human Health & Society: COVID-19 and Climate Change.”

The National Institute for Health Care Management (NIHCM) Foundation [published data](#) on the “Systemic Racism, Disparities & COVID-19: Impacts on Latino Health.”



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) [published a report](#): “As COVID-19 Recession Extended Into Summer 2020, More Than 3 Million Lost Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Coverage and 2 Million Became Uninsured.”

World Health Organization (WHO) [released a statement](#): “Managing the COVID-19 infodemic: Promoting healthy behaviours and mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation.” WHO [published a press release](#) titled “Keep health workers safe to keep patients safe: WHO.”

Federal Government Response



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- CDC [published](#) updated science with details on Epidemiology, Convalescent Plasma, Clinical Treatment and Management, Phylogenetic Analysis related to COVID-19.
- CDC [released a statement](#): “New CDC data finds adult obesity is increasing, Obesity worsens outcomes from COVID-19.”
- CDC [released a statement](#): “CDC Releases Indicators for Dynamic School Decision-Making.”
- CDC [continues to release guidance](#) on a range of issues as states reopen including “[Overview of Testing for SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#)” and “[Operational Considerations for Personal Protective Equipment in the Context of Global Supply Shortages for Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: non-US Healthcare Settings.](#)”
- 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 [released](#) preliminary Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) data revealing that, during the

coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency (PHE), rates for vaccinations, primary, and preventive services among children in Medicaid and CHIP have steeply declined.

- CMS [announced](#) new federal funding for 33 States to support transitioning individuals from nursing homes to the community.
- CMS [issued](#) revised guidance providing detailed recommendations on ways nursing homes can safely facilitate visitation during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
- CMS [announced](#) the final report from the independent Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes (Commission), which was facilitated by MITRE.
- CMS [announced](#) its 2020-2021 flu season campaign with new resources to encourage people with Medicare or other CMS health care programs to get their flu shot.
- 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 "Administration Announces \$200 million from CDC to Jurisdictions for COVID-19 Vaccine Preparedness."
- HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Robert Kadlec [released a statement](#) titled "Review of ASPR's Coronavirus Response Efforts."
- HHS [announced](#) the Administration's vaccine distribution strategy. The details of the strategy can be found [here](#). HHS also [released](#) "COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdiction Operations."

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "FDA Authorizes First Point-of-Care Antibody Test for COVID-19."
- FDA [will host](#) a Virtual Town Hall Series titled "Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Diagnostic Tests" on September 30th from 12:15 - 1:15 PM ET.
- FDA [released a webinar](#) titled "Gowns and Other Apparel for Use by Health Care Personnel in COVID-19 Pandemic."
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "FDA and global partners to analyze coronavirus samples."
- FDA [published a press release](#) titled "FDA Publishes Comparative Performance Data for COVID-19 Molecular Diagnostic Tests."
- Stephen M. Hahn, MD, Commissioner of Food and Drugs and Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, [released a statement](#) titled "The FDA's Scientific and Regulatory Oversight of Vaccines is Vital to Public Health."



Indian Health Service (IHS)

- Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, MBA, MHSA, Director, [released a statement](#) on COVID-19.
- IHS [released a statement](#) for the 2020-2021 Flu Season. Read the vaccination plan [here](#).

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH funds community engagement research efforts in areas hardest hit by COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “NIH awards contracts to develop innovative digital health technologies for COVID-19.”
- NIH [published a press release](#) titled “Substance use disorders linked to COVID-19 susceptibility.”

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

- NIAID [announced](#) the “Fourth Large-Scale COVID-19 Vaccine Trial Begins in the United States.”

U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)

- Senate HELP Committee [held a hearing](#) on “COVID-19: An Update on the Federal Response” featuring Anthony Fauci, MD; Robert Redfield, MD; ADM Brett Giroir, MD; and Stephen Hahn, MD.

'Miracle Man:' 90-year-old leaves Delaware County hospital after beating COVID-19



(Source: [ABC6 Philadelphia](#))

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