

Health Equity and the COVID-19 Pandemic

The POPCoRNetwork Equity Working Group would like to share resources that educate interested individuals on how structural inequalities and the social determinants of health have worsened this pandemic for historically marginalized populations. While these resources have been shared with our group and we think they may be helpful for others, it is important to note that the POPCoRNetwork is not responsible for the content or distribution of these materials. Please feel free to recommend any other resources to share!

WEBINARS:

Upcoming:

- **APR 30 12PM EST: COVID-19 and Health Inequity – What Have We Learned, and Where Do We Go From Here?**
https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jhNEh12fSW-hM5w99QavWw
Experts from across the medical center and beyond will provide an overview of the observed health inequities, share strategies for mitigating disparities and offer insight on gaining the trust and partnership of our communities to chart a more equitable path forward.
- **MAY 5 8AM EST: Mass Gen Global Health: Structural Racism, Health Inequity and Infectious Diseases: Are there Sustainable Solutions?**
<https://globalhealth.massgeneral.org/event/structural-racism-health-inequity-and-infectious-diseases-are-there-sustainable-solutions/>
- **MAY 6 1PM EST: Harvard Radcliffe Institute: State Prisons & COVID-19**
<https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2020-state-prisons-covid-19-virtual>

Ongoing webinars:

- **Brown Faculty in Focus**
<https://www.brown.edu/about/administration/provost/initiatives-resources/faculty-focus-webinar>
 - Health Disparities and COVID-19
 - Coronavirus and the Crisis of Hope
- **UAB [School of Public Health](#) Conversations on COVID-19 & Vulnerable Populations**
 - [COVID-19's Impact on the Black Community: A Conversation with Health Experts and Faith Leaders](#)
 - [COVID-19's Impact on Women: A Conversation with Medical and Public Health Experts](#)
- **Harvard's Radcliffe Institute: [Health Inequity in the Age of COVID-19](#)**
 - [Ensuring Health Equity for those with Disabilities](#)
- **Physician for Human Rights: Ongoing Webinar Series**
<https://phr.org/issues/covid-19-pandemic/events-and-webinars/>
 - Racial Disparities & COVID-19
 - Equitable Allocation of Resources
 - Mental Health Impacts
 - Perspectives from Health Professionals on the Frontlines
 - Health and Rights-driven Responses to COVID-19

- **Communities in Partnership: Ensuring Equity in the Time of COVID-19** *webinar series occurs every Wednesday at 1PM EST. You can register [here](#).*
<https://www.ccphealth.org/covid-19-equity/>
 - Fact and Lessons Learned From Recent Disasters
 - Behind the Scenes and In the Shadows: Essential Employees in COVID-19
 - Justice for All: Pandemic Response for Incarcerated
- **Structural Competency**
<https://structuralcompetency.org/structural-competency-conferences/>
 - Part 1: Basic Needs and First Response
 - Part 2: Medically Marginalized Populations
 - COVID-19 and Incarceration

General:

- **Emergency Preparedness, Ethics and Equity Series: What have we learned from the past? What is COVID-19 teaching us?**
https://uncspz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xDPAOnvcQsSvCFw188D6rA
- **Importance of Community Participation and Engagement for Intersectional and Equitable Covid-19 Responses** *pending recording*
<https://zoom.us/j/93916971887?pwd=YnFSNWxHdTI1U3BRTGs1NkIKbFQ2QT09>
- Check out Doctors for America webinar "**Ensuring Affordable Access Amidst a Pandemic**" [here](#).
 - Dr. Anthony D. So and Zain Rizvi discussed the current challenges we face in ensuring both providers and patients have affordable access to COVID-19 diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments. They also discussed potential solutions and how everyone can contribute.
- Watch the **Right To Health Webinar** answering the questions: "How did we get here? Why are things unfolding as they are? And, what can and must we do collectively to fight for what is right?"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUQ1QJeNDDo&fbclid=IwAR3U6eocS_YZ_9li6imsMeeQbZY16QnKceb-fvlqxxcZBLUDHeZLuuwDd0
- UIC Center for Human Rights hosted the **Human Rights and COVID-19: How human rights helps us understand the pandemic and our responses to it**
<https://uicr.uiowa.edu/programs-and-resources/programs/human-rights-and-covid-19/>
- **The Health Disparities Podcast:** There is an episode with a checklist to guide addressing some inequities we've discussed:
<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/movement-is-life/the-health-disparities-podcast/e/68671845>

Black communities:

- **Straight Talk: A Conversation about Racism, Health Inequities and COVID-19**
<https://www.facebook.com/UCBerkeley/videos/1611018839049489/>
- Tune in with **The Caucus of Black Women and Girls** for their discussion of COVID-19 and the Black Community: <https://twitter.com/RepBonnie/status/1248694516657336320>
- The African American Policy Forum's 3 part webinar series moderated by Kimberle Crenshaw! **Under the Blacklight: The Intersectional Vulnerabilities that COVID-19 Lays Bare** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-MHYk_NfW-zOoDEXavp5cw

Incarcerated population:

- **UCLA's Webinar on The Response to the COVID-19 Crisis in New York, LA, and Philadelphia Jails**
<https://hssm.semel.ucla.edu/news/2019-08/webinar-april-18-covid-19-and-incarceration>

Mental Health:

- **NIH Responding to the Alarm: Addressing Black Youth Suicide** *pending recording*
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/events/announcements/webinar-responding-to-the-alarm-addressing-black-youth-suicide.shtml>
- **Harvard Equity and Social Justice Webinar: Mental Health and Wellness for Health Care Providers** *recording will be posted here* <https://dicp.hms.harvard.edu/>

Native communities:

- **Harness Gathering: Indian Country** <http://iwillharness.org/gathering> *pending recording*
COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting Native communities. Join us for a conversation to learn about various campaigns to protect these cultures and how to support and uplift these communities.

MODULES:

- Public Health Learning Network's **COVID19: Using a Health Equity and Human Rights Lens to Protect Vulnerable Populations during this Pandemic and Beyond**
 - **Complete module:**
<https://region2phtc.org/2020/04/16/covid19-using-a-health-equity-and-human-rights-lens-to-protect-vulnerable-populations-during-this-pandemic-and-beyond/>
 - **Powerpoint:**
<https://files.constantcontact.com/4a89ace2701/6cfceb74-45fd-4090-8d3f-bc77889abf1a.pdf>

RESOURCE LISTS:

- Structural Competency: New Medicine for Inequalities That Are Making Sick
<https://structuralcompetency.org>
- Racial Equity Tools
<https://www.racialequitytools.org/fundamentals/resource-lists/resources-addressing-covid-19-with-racial-equity-lens>
- The NAACP has created a great document outlining the equity implications of this pandemic.
https://naacp.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Ten-Equity-Considerations-of-the-Coronavirus-COVID-19-Outbreak-in-the-United-States_Version-2.pdf
- The Health Equity Initiative's Readings and Other Resources on Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations and/or Specific Social Determinants of Health
<https://www.healthequityinitiative.org/covid-19-and-health-equity-resources.html>

ARTICLES:

- **NYTIMES:** [I Never Planned to be a Front-Line Worker at Dollar General](#)
- **AAP:** [Pandemic highlights healthcare inequities among at-risk pediatric populations](#)

- **BBC:** [Coronavirus: 'I can't wash my hands - my water was cut off'](#)
- **NPR:** [U.S. Must Avoid Building Racial Bias Into COVID-19 Emergency Guidance](#)
- **JAMA:** [COVID-19 and African Americans by former American Heart Association President](#)
- **NY Post:** [Most NYC coronavirus testing done in whitest and wealthiest ZIP codes](#)
- **NY Times:** [Why the Corona Virus is Killing African-Americans More than Others](#)
- **New Yorker:** [The Black Plague](#)
- **Health and Human Rights Journal:** [A brief highlight on racial disparities](#)
- **The Atlantic:** [Black People Are Not to Blame for Dying of COVID-19](#)
- **NY Times:** [At the Top of the Covid-19 Curve, How Do Hospitals Decide Who Gets Treatment?](#)
- **The Mary Sue:** [The Coronavirus is No Equalizer](#)

THINKING ABOUT STRUCTURAL RACISM

- Allegories on Race and Racism x Camara Jones, MD:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNhcY6fTyBM>
- *Stamped from the Beginning* and *How to Be an Anti-Racist* x Ibram X Kendi
<https://www.ibramxkendi.com/books-1>