AMA and Center for Health Equity resources on COVID-19

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This article is part of a series of COVID-19 resources on health equity.

At the AMA’s Center for Health Equity, we believe that health equity is achieved when we live in a nation where all people live in thriving communities, where resources work well, systems are equitable and create no harm, and everyone has power to achieve optimal health; and all physicians are equipped with the consciousness, tools and resources to confront inequities as well embed and advance equity within and across all aspects of the health care system.

In order to achieve health equity, we must strengthen, amplify, and sustain work to eliminate health inequities—improving health outcomes and closing disparities gaps—which are rooted in historical and contemporary injustices and discrimination.

In support of AMA’s mission to advance health equity, we hope that these resources and tools will educate, empower and inform physicians as well as advance action towards eliminating health inequities nationally and locally.

Recent AMA statements, policies and press releases

1. Top physician orgs urge COVID-19 mortality data by race, ethnicity
   AMA press release, April 8, 2020

2. AMA warns against racism, xenophobia amid COVID-19
   AMA press release, May 4, 2020
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AMA original video and podcast series on health equity
1. **Prioritizing Equity series**
   Examine how health care equity determines care during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. Subscribe to AMA’s YouTube channel to watch the latest videos.

2. **Tribute to the Medical School Class of 2020**
   AMA special presentation, May 20, 2020

3. **AMA experts discuss the urgency of the continuing PPE shortage**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, March 25, 2020

4. **Leveraging social media to spread critical COVID-19 science**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, March 31, 2020

5. **Ethical considerations doctors face during COVID-19**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, April 2, 2020

6. **Experts explore health equity within the COVID-19 pandemic**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, April 6, 2020

7. **How the pandemic amplified disparities within health care**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, April 21, 2020

8. **The pandemic’s impact on the Native American population**
   AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, April 30, 2020

9. **The impact of COVID-19 on the nation’s incarceration system**
How COVID-19 has amplified LGBTQ health care inequities
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, May 19, 2020

Obstacles to providing care for underserved communities
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, May 27, 2020

How the pandemic has impacted Native American communities
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, June 10, 2020

How gender affirming surgeries have been impacted by the pandemic
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, June 15, 2020

The pandemic’s impact on Latinx community
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, June 19, 2020

How cultural factors, health disparities impact transmission
AMA COVID-19 daily video updates, June 22, 2020

U.S. Census 101 for Physicians, Part I
AMA Moving Medicine podcast, April 22, 2020

U.S. Census 101 for Physicians, Part II
AMA Moving Medicine podcast, April 29, 2020
Featured AMA Center for Health Equity media

1. Women’s March/Moms Rising: Talking to your kids about coronavirus
   Women's March, March 17, 2020

2. ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice: Implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on African Americans and communities of color
   ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, April 2, 2020

3. Oprah Talks COVID-19 season 1, episode 13: The deadly impact on Black America
   Oprah Talks COVID-19, April 14, 2020

4. Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller’s town hall: Our fight against COVID-19 in the Southland – Focus on health equity
   Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, April 16, 2020

5. Epidemic season 1, episode 13: A Black plague
   EPIDEMIC podcast with Celine Gounder, MD and Ronald Klain, April 21, 2020


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- COVID-19 FAQs: Health equity in a pandemic