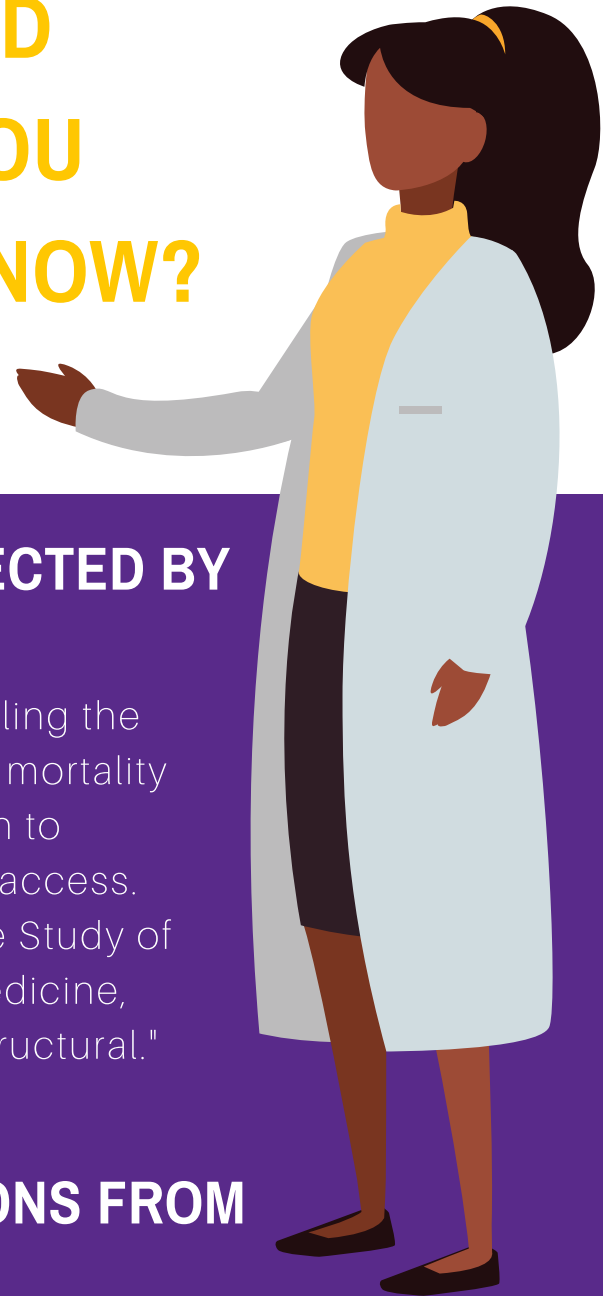


**DID
YOU
KNOW?**



Diversity Affairs

LATINOS DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS

Across the country, data from many states are revealing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 morbidity and mortality among Latino populations. The disparities boil down to differences not only in race, but also in income and access. David Hayes-Bautista, who directs the Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture at the UCLA School of Medicine, states that "the problems aren't genetic... they are structural." Read More Here: [The Guardian](#)

THE RISK TO NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS FROM COVID-19

A sudden rise in cases among Native American populations in the U.S. is highlighting underlying health disparities, as well as limitations in healthcare access. CNN describes the crux of the issue by stating, "the fact that this particular outbreak is occurring in a population already at high-risk for poor outcomes, with services distributed across a very wide geographic area, chronic staffing shortages, and a need to compete with larger, more wealthy states and cities for desperately needed supplies and equipment likely will result in many lost lives." Read More Here: [CNN](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

HOW COVID-19 IS AFFECTING PHYSICIANS OF COLOR ACROSS THE COUNTRY

"Leading voices of the nation's physician bodies, especially those who represent doctors of color,

came together in a recent panel hosted by the AMA to discuss COVID-19 and how it disproportionately affects minority communities" (link to the panel discussion, [here](#)). Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, chief health equity officer and group vice president of the Center for Health Equity at the AMA, noted that minority physicians are "more likely to see patients of color who can be sicker and experience all types of inequities," thus possibly increasing the potential of burnout on providers who are already stretched thin. Read More Here: [American Medical Association](#)

TALK LIKE A PIRATE: DISCUSSION WITH DR. RACHEL ROPER ON "KEEPING THE CURVE FLAT"

Dr. Rachel Roper, Chair of the BSOM Brody Women's Faculty Committee, recently interviewed with Pirate Talk, surrounding current COVID-19 vaccine developments, diagnostics, antibody tests, masks, and more. Dr. Roper stated that this is a "rapidly changing situation," and suggested that the transmission of the virus needs to be blocked. Dr. Roper stated that cloth "masks would give you some protection." The [CDC website](#) reports, "The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders..." Listen to the Full Audio Here: [Talk Like A Pirate FM Radio](#)

VULNERABILITIES OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

The Human Rights Campaign released a research brief earlier this year on the vulnerabilities of the LGBTQ community during the COVID-19 crisis. "This brief [[link here](#)] provides critical data for policymakers and community advocates working to address the health and safety needs of the community during this crisis." Public health officials, coalition partners and the HRC

outlined concerns and detailed steps to lower any disparities for the LGBTQ community and persons living with HIV. Read More Here: [Human Rights Coalition](#)

SIX WAYS EDUCATORS CAN SUPPORT LGBTQ STUDENTS DURING COVID-19



**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Social distancing has become the norm during the COVID-19 pandemic. While threatening lives, it has forced communities apart to protect one another. For lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified (LGBTQ) students who are also vulnerable, isolation significantly increases risk. According to the article, "For LGBTQ students, supportive teachers are a lifeline, and school is often the one safe place to connect with peers and adults that buffer rejection and provide affirmation." External supports are recommended during this time. Read More Here: [Education Week](#)