

### **Issue Briefs: COVID-19 and the Carolinas: State Responses and Federal Legislation to Address the Crisis**

Starting in April 2020, the North Carolina Institute of Medicine partnered with the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health to produce a series of resources to monitor state and federal actions to address the pandemic. Through April 2021, the partner organizations published four parts in this series tracking federal and state pandemic response in the Carolinas. All briefs in the series are available here: <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-carolinas-part-iv-state-responses-and-federal-legislation-to-address-the-crisis/>

### **North Carolina Institute of Medicine Blog**

Throughout the pandemic, NCIOM has published data and analysis about COVID-19 response, impact, and relation to other state health policy issues. Our blog can be accessed here: <https://nciom.org/news/blog/>

Pandemic-related blog posts include:

[February 26, 2020](https://nciom.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19-coronavirus/) - What You Need to Know About COVID-19 (Coronavirus) <https://nciom.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

[March 1, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-sick-leave-policies/) - COVID-19 and Sick Leave Policies <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-sick-leave-policies/>

[March 13, 2020](https://nciom.org/what-the-2007-nciom-pandemic-flu-task-force-recommendations-can-tell-us-about-the-ethics-of-handling-covid-19/) - What the 2007 NCIOM Pandemic Flu Task Force recommendations can tell us about the ethics of handling COVID-19 <https://nciom.org/what-the-2007-nciom-pandemic-flu-task-force-recommendations-can-tell-us-about-the-ethics-of-handling-covid-19/>

[March 23, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-digital-divide/) - COVID-19 and the Digital Divide <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-digital-divide/>

[March 25, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-health-insurance-coverage-gap/) - COVID-19 and the Health Insurance Coverage Gap <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-health-insurance-coverage-gap/>

[March 27, 2020](https://nciom.org/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-unemployment-and-health/) - The Impact of COVID-19 on Unemployment and Health <https://nciom.org/the-impact-of-covid-19-on-unemployment-and-health/>

[April 13, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-health-disparities-emerging-data-suggest-african-americans-are-at-an-increased-risk/) - COVID-19 and Health Disparities: Emerging Data Suggest African Americans are at an Increased Risk <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-health-disparities-emerging-data-suggest-african-americans-are-at-an-increased-risk/>

[April 17, 2020](https://nciom.org/a-closer-look-at-hnc-2030-health-indicators-incarceration-rate-covid-19-in-the-state-prison-system/) - A Closer Look at HNC 2030 Health Indicators: Incarceration Rate & COVID-19 in the State Prison System <https://nciom.org/a-closer-look-at-hnc-2030-health-indicators-incarceration-rate-covid-19-in-the-state-prison-system/>

[April 22, 2020](https://nciom.org/during-child-abuse-prevention-month-focusing-on-the-pandemics-impact/) - During Child Abuse Prevention Month, Focusing on the Pandemic's Impact <https://nciom.org/during-child-abuse-prevention-month-focusing-on-the-pandemics-impact/>

[April 29, 2020](https://nciom.org/a-closer-look-at-hnc-2030-health-indicators-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-third-grade-reading-proficiency/) - A Closer Look at HNC 2030 Health Indicators: The impact of COVID-19 on third grade reading proficiency <https://nciom.org/a-closer-look-at-hnc-2030-health-indicators-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-third-grade-reading-proficiency/>

[May 1, 2020](https://nciom.org/north-carolina-general-assembly-response-to-covid-19-may-2020/) - North Carolina General Assembly Response to COVID-19: May 2020 <https://nciom.org/north-carolina-general-assembly-response-to-covid-19-may-2020/>

[May 11, 2020](https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-north-carolina-hospitals/) - Pandemic Support for North Carolina Hospitals <https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-north-carolina-hospitals/>

[May 13, 2020](https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-public-health-and-nc-medicaid/) - Pandemic Support for Public Health and NC Medicaid <https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-public-health-and-nc-medicaid/>

[May 18, 2020](https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-telehealth-services/) - Pandemic Support for Telehealth Services <https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-telehealth-services/>

[May 20, 2020](https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-k-12-public-education-and-early-child-care/) - Pandemic Support for K-12 Public Education and Early Child Care <https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-k-12-public-education-and-early-child-care/>

[May 26, 2020](https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-covid-19-research-at-north-carolina-universities-oversight-of-funding-allocations/) - Pandemic Support for COVID-19 Research at North Carolina Universities & Oversight of Funding Allocations <https://nciom.org/pandemic-support-for-covid-19-research-at-north-carolina-universities-oversight-of-funding-allocations/>

[May 29, 2020](https://nciom.org/serious-illness-care-recommendations-during-covid-19/) - Serious Illness Care Recommendations During COVID-19 <https://nciom.org/serious-illness-care-recommendations-during-covid-19/>

[June 9, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-ncs-homeless-population/) - COVID-19 and NC's Homeless Population <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-ncs-homeless-population/>

[June 15, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-unemployment-and-health-insurance/) - COVID-19, Unemployment, and Health Insurance <https://nciom.org/covid-19-unemployment-and-health-insurance/>

[June 22, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-reopening-in-person-activities-and-services-for-older-adults/) - COVID-19 and Reopening In-Person Activities and Services for Older Adults <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-reopening-in-person-activities-and-services-for-older-adults/>

[June 25, 2020](https://nciom.org/contact-tracing-the-basics/) - Contact Tracing: The Basics <https://nciom.org/contact-tracing-the-basics/>

[July 1, 2020](https://nciom.org/how-will-north-carolina-k-12-schools-reopen-for-the-2020-2021-school-year-part-i/) - How will North Carolina K-12 Schools Reopen for the 2020-2021 School Year? Part I <https://nciom.org/how-will-north-carolina-k-12-schools-reopen-for-the-2020-2021-school-year-part-i/>

[July 20, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-health-consequences-of-delayed-justice/) - COVID-19 and the Health Consequences of Delayed Justice <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-health-consequences-of-delayed-justice/>

[August 7, 2020](https://nciom.org/employer-based-health-insurance-loss-due-to-the-covid-pandemic/) - Employer-Based Health Insurance Loss Due to the COVID Pandemic <https://nciom.org/employer-based-health-insurance-loss-due-to-the-covid-pandemic/>



- [August 18, 2020](https://nciom.org/preparing-for-weather-disasters-during-a-pandemic/) - Preparing for Weather Disasters During a Pandemic <https://nciom.org/preparing-for-weather-disasters-during-a-pandemic/>
- [August 21, 2020](https://nciom.org/update-kids-and-covid-19/) - Update: Kids and COVID-19 <https://nciom.org/update-kids-and-covid-19/>
- [August 31, 2020](https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-isolation-of-the-incarcerated/) - COVID-19 and the Isolation of the Incarcerated <https://nciom.org/covid-19-and-the-isolation-of-the-incarcerated/>
- [September 10, 2020](https://nciom.org/update-covid-19-legislation-signed-by-governor-cooper/) - Update: COVID-19 Legislation Signed by Governor Cooper <https://nciom.org/update-covid-19-legislation-signed-by-governor-cooper/>
- [September 23, 2020](https://nciom.org/family-friendly-workplaces-and-covid-19/) - Family-Friendly Workplaces and COVID-19 <https://nciom.org/family-friendly-workplaces-and-covid-19/>
- [October 19, 2020](https://nciom.org/north-carolina-submits-covid-19-vaccination-plan/) - North Carolina Submits COVID-19 Vaccination Plan <https://nciom.org/north-carolina-submits-covid-19-vaccination-plan/>
- [October 22, 2020](https://nciom.org/impact-of-covid-19-on-rural-north-carolina/) - Impact of COVID-19 on Rural North Carolina <https://nciom.org/impact-of-covid-19-on-rural-north-carolina/>
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- [December 7, 2020](https://nciom.org/nc-dhhs-provides-an-update-on-covid-19-vaccines/) - NC DHHS Provides an Update on COVID-19 Vaccines <https://nciom.org/nc-dhhs-provides-an-update-on-covid-19-vaccines/>
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- [March 22, 2021](https://nciom.org/the-american-rescue-plan-act-provisions-to-support-children-and-families/) - The American Rescue Plan Act: Provisions to Support Children and Families <https://nciom.org/the-american-rescue-plan-act-provisions-to-support-children-and-families/>
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- [July 12, 2021](https://nciom.org/covid-19s-complex-impact-on-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-population/) - COVID-19's Complex Impact on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Population <https://nciom.org/covid-19s-complex-impact-on-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-population/>
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- [November 9, 2021](https://nciom.org/the-oncoming-nurse-workforce-shortage-in-north-carolina/) - The Oncoming Nurse Workforce Shortage in North Carolina <https://nciom.org/the-oncoming-nurse-workforce-shortage-in-north-carolina/>
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- [March 2, 2022](https://nciom.org/north-carolina-department-of-health-and-human-services-covid-19-response-interim-review-and-related-work-from-the-nciom/) - North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services: COVID-19 Response Interim Review and Related Work from the NCIOM <https://nciom.org/north-carolina-department-of-health-and-human-services-covid-19-response-interim-review-and-related-work-from-the-nciom/>
- [March 24, 2022](https://nciom.org/the-forgotten-epidemic-youth-vaping-during-covid-19/) - The Forgotten Epidemic: Youth Vaping During COVID-19 <https://nciom.org/the-forgotten-epidemic-youth-vaping-during-covid-19/>
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### ***North Carolina Medical Journal***

The *North Carolina Medical Journal* has dedicated several full issues, and many other articles, to the impacts of the pandemic on our state.

- COVID-19 and the Drivers of Health, January-February 2021; Volume 82, Issue 1. <https://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/content/82/1>
- Immunizing North Carolina, March-April 2021: Vol. 82, Issue 2. <https://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/content/82/2>
- 50 Years of Public Health in North Carolina, May-June 2021: Vol. 82, Issue 3. <https://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/content/82/3>
- Innovations Born of COVID-19, July/August 2021: Vol. 82, Issue 4. <https://www.ncmedicaljournal.com/content/82/4>

### ***NCIOM Task Force on the Future of Local Public Health***

The North Carolina Institute of Medicine's Task Force on the Future of Local Public Health in North Carolina developed a vision for the future of local public health in the state and recommendations to achieve that vision. This includes principles of health equity, leadership, connection between clinical services and population health, opportunities for targeted investments, public communication about the value of public health, and data integration to drive improvements in service delivery and outcomes.

The work of the task force took place in conjunction with a special initiative of the North Carolina Association of Local Health Directors (NCALHD) to improve the visibility and influence of public health as a critical part of the state's health care safety net infrastructure, supported by a grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. The NCALHD will lead future action planning to implement task force recommendations with local public health departments, and additional partners may carry forward regional and state public health action planning, including policy development for consideration by the NC General Assembly. The full report of the Task Force on the Future of Local Public Health is available here: <https://nciom.org/future-of-local-public-health-in-north-carolina/>

### ***Healthy North Carolina 2030***

The Healthy North Carolina 2030 project brought together experts and leaders from multiple fields to inform the development of a common set of public health indicators and targets for the state over the next decade. These indicators serve as the population health improvement plan for the North Carolina Division of Public Health, an update to which was published in September 2022. With a focus on health equity and the overall drivers of health outcomes (health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and the physical environment), these indicators and targets will help drive state and local-level activities, provide a springboard for collaboration and innovation, and develop a new vision for public health in our state to improve the health and well-being of all people of North Carolina. The full report of Healthy North Carolina 2030 is available here: <https://nciom.org/healthy-north-carolina-2030/>