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**What Indian Country Remembers About Survival**  
 “As the coronavirus spreads, North America’s Indigenous Peoples hold a unique experience of stress and fear because of this blood memory. In the 18th century, as European settlers sought to colonize Indigenous lands, they weaponized germs, giving blankets infected with smallpox to tribal communities to slow down Native resistance and to decimate Native populations. In addition to smallpox, measles and influenza were also brought to North America during these early periods of colonization. It is estimated that together these diseases killed 90% of Native Americans.”



**Ableism - an updated definition**  
 “A system that places value on people’s bodies and minds based on societally constructed ideas of normalcy, intelligence, excellence and productivity. These constructed ideas are deeply rooted in anti-Blackness, eugenics, colonialism and capitalism.”



**Transition Is Inevitable, Justice Is Not: A Critical Framework For Just Recovery**  
 “You only need to articulate the right to breath when it is being infringed upon.”



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**People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions - CDC**



**Structural Racism, White Fragility, and Ventilator Rationing Policies**  
 Hastings Bioethics Forum. “It’s been painful to watch health leaders twist themselves into moral knots denying that recently created ventilator rationing guidance will differentially affect Blacks, Latinx, and other people of color. On television, in newspapers, and on listservs, when the predicted disproportionate impacts of these policies are raised, some bioethicists-often white, stonewall. Or repeat a policy’s assertions that race, ethnicity, disability, etc. are irrelevant to care decisions. Or default to the intent of the policymakers”



**COVID-19 and The Naturalization of Vulnerability**  
 “Seniors and elders in nursing homes and elsewhere aren’t inherently vulnerable; nor are disabled people in institutions inherently vulnerable. Both of these groups (among others) are made vulnerable.”



**The Color of Corona: COVID-19 deaths analyzed by race and ethnicity**  
 A regularly updated research document by APM Research Lab. As of May 19, 2020, nearly 92,000 Americans had died of COVID-19. Data about race is available for 88% of these deaths.





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Lessons in Belonging from Indigenous Leaders "Indigenous peoples are rising up to care for their communities in beautiful ways, showing that resilience has lasted for centuries and will continue long after this pandemic has passed.

What can the world learn from us during this time? Why is being Indigenous important? We are a constant reminder that the land is always listening."



Native Americans & COVID-19 Town Hall

"Our values and our ancestral teachings are so relevant right now," said Jodi Archambault of the Wend Collective during the town hall. "Communities are planting gardens, children are learning songs, and they're learning languages. Without audiences, people are just doing it because it makes their hearts sing."



Grieving Our Collective Loss—One Stitch at a Time

"...even though my life's work has prepared me to understand precisely this moment in history, I'm finding scholarly mechanisms too abstract in the face of material loss. There is an ever-growing, gaping maw of a "people-shaped hole in the universe" that I cannot feel."



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Coronavirus and the Politics of Care - Law and Political Economy "the most urgent need is for a new politics of care in this pandemic"



Open Letter Advocating for Anti-Racist Health Response

White supremacy is a lethal public health issue that predates and contributes to COVID-19. Black people are twice as likely to be killed by police compared to white people, but the effects of racism are far more pervasive. Black people suffer from dramatic health disparities in life expectancy, maternal and infant mortality, chronic medical conditions, and outcomes from acute illnesses like myocardial infarction and sepsis. Biological determinants are insufficient to explain these disparities.



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**Decolonizing Community Care in Response to COVID-19**

“Now more than ever it is imperative for us to decolonize from individualism and reconnect with ways of community care.”



**Permanently Organized Communities**

“A just transition to economies of sacredness and care in this emerging COVID-19 moment”



**Protect the Sacred**

“Protect the Sacred started as an emergency response to the growing crisis in the Navajo Nation from COVID-19.”



**The Indigenous communities that predicted Covid-19**

“Indigenous leaders from Brazil and Indonesia emphasized the role that traditional knowledge, practices and land stewardship can play in protecting the planet. These protections, they said, extend not just to lessening climate change and biodiversity loss, but to reducing the risk of future pandemics.”



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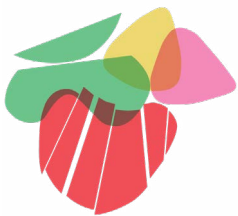
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**“Naming the Lost” NYC Artists Built Memorials with 24-hour Vigil**

Physical memorials across NYC honor the lives lost to COVID-19. “Naming the Lost” was a 24-hour online national vigil to draw attention to the lack of a national mourning and to encourage attendees to unite across differences to ensure everyone receives the care they need.



**What public health experts want critics to know about why they support the protests**

“People are in the streets because they have to be,” Rhea Boyd, a pediatrician who works in California’s Bay Area, says. “Because that is how dire things are. Even in the setting of a pandemic, where it seems like being out there risks your life. There are so many risks on your life. You’ve got to be out there to try to protect it. People need, and black folks in particular, need a ton of changes to happen immediately.”



**Public Health Experts say the pandemic is exactly why protests must continue.**

Facing a slew of media requests asking about how protests might be a risk for COVID-19 transmission, a group of infectious disease experts at the University of Washington, with input from other colleagues, drafted a collective response. In an **open letter** published Sunday, they write that “protests against systemic racism, which fosters the disproportionate burden of COVID-19 on Black communities and also perpetuates police violence, must be supported.”



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