

Cultural Awareness Bulletin

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Addressing Racial Equity in Vaccine Distribution

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

“Reducing access-related challenges and utilizing targeted and culturally appropriate and respectful outreach and communications may help reduce barriers to vaccination for people of color. Providing equitable access to a vaccine will be important for reducing the disproportionate effects of the virus for people of color, preventing widening health disparities going forward, and achieving population immunity through a vaccine.”

<https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/issue-brief/addressing-racial-equity-vaccine-distribution/>

Unequal COVID-19 Vaccine Deals Could Hurt Global Fight

Source: Prevention Web / UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

“If some countries are protected while others remain vulnerable, this will deepen existing inequities and is likely to lead to further economic damage.”

<https://www.preventionweb.net/news/view/75103>

Race Matters: Confronting the Roots of Human Trafficking

Since 2010, the month of January has been declared the *National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month*.

The Central Iowa Human Trafficking Task Force is hosting a free zoom event on January 28th, 2021 to discuss ending the demand for human trafficking through a racial justice lens.

Click [here](#) to register.

Tamir Rice Shooting: Officers Won't Face Federal Charges

Source: Jamiel Lynch, Christina Carrega, & Steve Almasy (Columnists with CNN)

“Rice, 12, was shot and killed outside of a recreation center by then-Cleveland police Officer Timothy Loehman, who authorities said mistook a black, toy airsoft pistol for a real firearm. ... Federal prosecutors with both the Civil Rights Division and the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio concluded that they could not prove that Rice's constitutional rights were violated or the officers obstructed justice.”

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/29/us/tamir-rice-shooting-no-federal-charges/index.html>