The pandemic has laid bare the fundamental need for informed responses, both short- and long-term, to deep-seated issues of social justice, economic inequities, and sustainability in the face of global climate change. People— their behavior, institutions and cultures—must be at the center of the scientific equation if we are to mobilize evidence-based policy solutions to address these challenges. Insights from the social and behavioral sciences are informing near-term solutions to challenges caused and exacerbated by the pandemic. In addition, research is helping to guide decision making that will build a stronger post-pandemic future.

Strategies & Best Practices Backed by Science

COVID-19 VACCINATION
- Communicating COVID-19 Vaccine Efficacy and Effectiveness (Societal Experts Action Network, NASEM) »More info
- Communication, Hesitancy, Equity (National Institutes of Health) »More info
- Strategies for Building Confidence in COVID-19 Vaccines (Societal Experts Action Network, NASEM) »More info

STOPPING THE SPREAD
- Critical Findings on COVID-19 (NASEM) »More info
- COVID-19 on College Campuses: Testing Strategies and Encouraging Protective Behaviors (Societal Experts Action Network, NASEM) »More info

MENTAL HEALTH
- Stress in America: A National Mental Health Crisis (American Psychological Association) »More info

STEM WORKFORCE
- Impact of COVID-19 on the Careers of Women in Academic Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) »More info

DISASTER RESPONSE
- Emergency Evacuation and Sheltering During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Societal Experts Action Network, NASEM) »More info

CHILD & YOUTH WELLBEING
- Child Care and COVID-19: Investing in Early Educators and Program Sustainability (Society for Research in Child Development) »More info
- A Decade Undone: Youth Disconnection in the Age of Coronavirus (Measure of America, Social Science Research Council) »More info

ADJUSTING TO POST-COVID LIFE
- Fairer Tomorrow: Solutions to the Issues Highlighted by COVID (Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University) »More info
Data About Your Community
*State-level data from federal sources to help answer policy questions.*

**ECONOMIC IMPACTS**
✓ What percentage of people in my state are expecting to lose income this month?
✓ How many people are facing eviction or food insecurity?
✓ What percentage of my state’s employees are teleworking due to the pandemic?
» [Household Pulse Survey](https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp#)

**VACCINATION RATES & HESITANCY**
✓ Who in my state is waiting for a COVID vaccine and willing to receive one?
✓ How many people are unlikely to get a vaccine if one is available?
✓ What are the primary concerns of those who are hesitant to get vaccinated?

**HEALTH CARE ACCESS & MENTAL HEALTH**
✓ How many people in my state are experiencing anxiety and depression?
✓ How many people lack access to mental health care?
✓ What percentage of people have delayed getting necessary medical care?
» [Household Pulse Survey](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/covid19/health-care-access-and-mental-health.htm)

**SMALL BUSINESSES**
✓ When do small businesses in my state expect operations to return to normal?
✓ How many small businesses require employees to show proof of vaccination?
✓ What percentage of businesses have requested aid from federal, state, or local programs?
» [Small Business Pulse Survey](https://portal.census.gov/pulse/data)

**RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM**
✓ How many students are attending school virtually, in-person, or through hybrid instruction?
✓ What is the attendance rate across different learning modes?
✓ What percentage of teachers are vaccinated?
» [Monthly School Survey](https://ies.ed.gov/schoolsurvey)