

# Diversity Equity & Inclusion Digest

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## DEI and COVID-19

*What to be aware of as we experience this pandemic together...*



From left to right, Dr. Taison Bell, Dr. Ebony Hilton-Buchholz, Dr. Bryant Cameron Webb and Dr. Leigh-Ann Wehh. (Photos: IIVA Health)

### COVID-19 and Health Inequities

[Four UVA doctors](#) helped raise a national alarm about the pandemic's disproportionate impact on minority communities. They discuss what they are seeing and what can be done.



Victor J. Blue for The New York Times

### COVID-19 and Privilege

New York Times Opinion columnist Charles Blow [argues](#) that as Covid-19 continues to impact our globe, encouraged practices such as staying at home and social distancing become privileges that not all individuals are able to abide by.



### COVID-19 and the Working Class

Such a change would be a return to a 1950s-style view of the [working class](#), in which low-wage jobs conferred a sense of dignity. "You viewed yourself as the backbone, the heart and soul of America," Gest said. No one is more essential than the person bringing you food at the end of a long, frightening week.

## ***Some Good News with John Krasinski...***



We're all in need of some good news and there are a lot of amazing people everyday helping us laugh, cry, and unite in ways we've never thought possible before. Just another great one is John Krasinski's Some Good News updates broadcast live from his home with some great surprise special guests - Enjoy!

[Episode 1](#): A Twitter Call for Some Good News + Steve Carell

[Episode 2](#): Do you love Hamilton?

[Episode 3](#): Are you missing baseball right now?

Cue the tears, cue the joy - what is *YOUR* good news?

# **COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Asistencia de Emergencia COVID-19 Assistance d'urgence COVID-19**

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## ***Cville Craft Aid + UVA = PPE Success!***



Melissa Goldman, manager of the School of Architecture's FabLab, one of the dozens of maker spaces on Grounds, [is collaborating with UVA Engineering's Sebring Smith](#), shop supervisor at Lacy Hall.. Goldman, Sebring and Goldman's assistant lab manager, Trevor Kemp, are cutting out more than 1,000 face shields from thin-film plastic using a water jet cutter.



Local initiative [Cville Craft Aid](#) has sewn and donated over 2,000 masks, scrub caps, gowns and face shields to UVA Hospital, Martha Jefferson Hospital, pediatrician's offices, nursing homes, and grocery stores among others.



However **volunteers and supplies** are STILL NEEDED for the over 1,000 current requests. Our friends at Habitat for Humanity are teaming up to help distribute masks. If you're interested in sewing or contributing financially to be a part of these efforts please, [CLICK HERE!](#)

## Speaking of masks...



Eastern Kentucky University senior Ashley Lawrence designed and is now actually producing face [masks for those with hearing issues](#). "I felt like there was a huge population that was being looked over." "We're all panicking right now and so a lot of people are just not being thought of. So, I felt like it was very important that, even at a time like this, people need to have that communication."

## Stay up to date on DEI books and webinars...

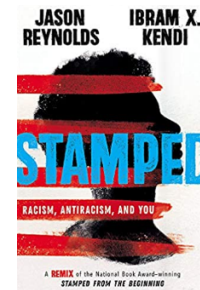
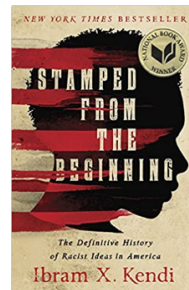
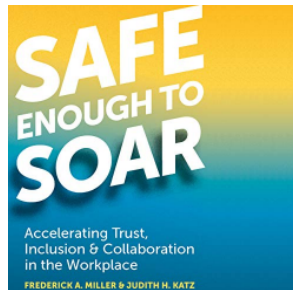
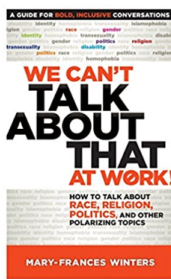


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### A few titles we've enjoyed...



It's been an incredible and historic year for LGBTQ+ equality in Virginia. Over a dozen pro-equality bills passed this year, and [we want Virginians to learn more about the legislation that will soon affect our communities.](#)