

A photograph of three women smiling, overlaid with a dark semi-transparent rectangle. The text "HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL" is written in white, bold, italicized capital letters across the middle of the image.

# *HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL*

WINTER 2021 | Newsletter

Welcome to the Winter 2021 issue of the Health Advisory Council Newsletter. NCL and council Members have been active on many fronts. We hope you enjoy reading about our policy updates, a new Q&A with Amy Sonderman, Director of Convention and Stakeholder Engagement at the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), updates from Members, and more.

Please join us in welcoming the Health Advisory Council's newest Members, Latinos Against Alzheimer's, Grail, and MANA, a national Latina organization!



## **NCL health policy at work**

This issue, we are featuring a celebration of NCL's health policy, advocacy, and consumer education accomplishments from last year. Here's a sneak preview, and click on to read more.

[Click here to read about NCL's health policy work in 2020.](#)



## **Member updates**

Get [the latest Health Advisory Council Member news](#), with updates from HealthyWomen, Eli Lilly & Company, Consumers for Quality Care, BIO, and more!



## **Member spotlight: USP**

Get to know Council Member United States Pharmacopeia (USP) with [a new Q&A](#) with Amy Sonderman, Director of Convention and Stakeholder Engagement.



## December Member meeting

At the December Member meeting, NCL hosted a panel discussion on the disparities in COVID's impact on racial and vulnerable populations. Missed it? [A recording and summary are available here.](#)



## ICYMI: Further reading from NCL

A new administration, the ongoing pandemic, and health equity issues have been keeping our staff busy!

**[Mask up! New Executive Order mandating mask-wearing a welcome development](#)** by Nissa Shaffi

**[COVID vaccine: Credit where credit is due](#)** by Sally Greenberg

**[Low-income essential workers lack adequate COVID-19 testing](#)** by Jeanette Contreras

## Full newsletter

Get the full version, including complete policy and Member updates and more.

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## We want to hear from you!

If you have time-sensitive information and updates you'd like to share with the Health Advisory Council in between NCL's quarterly newsletters, please contact Nissa Shaffi ([nissas@nclnet.org](mailto:nissas@nclnet.org)), and we will be happy to forward your materials to the Council membership. We also encourage you to contact us with your ideas and suggestions for Council activities.

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