

Lessons and Thoughts from my Second Pandemic.

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Artwork by Brittany Tainter
(Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe)

Greetings from APHA

- Dr. Georges Benjamin, Executive Director
- Dr. Deanna Wathington, Chair of the Executive Board
- Dr. Aaron Guest, Speaker of the Governing Council

Some Highlights

[COVIDguidance.org](https://www.covidguidance.org)

[COVIDGuia.org](https://www.covidguia.org)

Covid-19 Conversations

Advancing Racial Equity Webinar Series



Member Unit Effectiveness and Engagement Project (MUEEP)

- Goal: increase effectiveness and efficiency, enabling APHA to better meet member need, maximize engagement and be responsive to the public health needs of the future.

<https://www.apha.org/about-apha/governance/mueep>

Then and Now



Flashback to 1985



Back to the Present

Enter Covid-19

- Medicalization of a public health emergency
- No talk about a national prevention strategy
- Lack of cultural and linguistic parity between the health workforce and the populations at higher risk
 - Mental Health Coverage
- Employment-based insurance
- Racist practices and structures

Looking forward

A new administration with a different set of priorities.

Taking a closer look at our health and public health workforce.

Stronger advocacy efforts for expanding mental health services

Looking at the efficacy at telemedicine and its implications vis a vis licensure and reimbursement.

Renewing our effort to acknowledge and redress the impact of racism and colonization.

Mahalo nui loa

- Gerald Ohta
- Hali Robinett
- Tenaya Jackman

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