Discussion questions for Poverty and Covid-19:

What underlying inequities has the Covid-19 pandemic brought to light and exacerbated?

The pandemic has resulted in new groups of people accessing the social safety net; how might this exposure influence public opinion about public assistance in the future?

What systemic change needs has the pandemic revealed?

Additional materials on “Administrative burdens in the time of Covid-19”:


Data on weekly unemployment insurance claims from the U.S. Department of Labor: [https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf](https://www.dol.gov/ui/data.pdf)

Additional materials on “Policy and economic factors that affect food security”:

Information on nutrition assistance programs from the U.S. Department of Agriculture: [https://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/usda-nutrition-assistance-programs](https://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/usda-nutrition-assistance-programs)


IRP Fast Focus series:


“SNAP, Food Security, and Health”:

“SNAP and the Low-Income Safety Net”:


Tool for visualizing U.S. food insecurity data from the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University: https://www.ipr.northwestern.edu/state-food-insecurity.html

**Additional materials on “Discrimination and African American health inequities”:**

IRP Podcast with Bridget Goosby, “The Biosocial Links Between Discrimination and African-American Health”:

IRP Focus article, “How Does Economic and Social Disadvantage Affect Health?”:

IRP Fast Focus brief, “The Brain Science of Poverty and Its Policy Implications”:

IRP Poverty Fact Sheet, “Brain Drain: A Child’s Brain on Poverty”:
https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/brain-drain-a-childs-brain-on-poverty/

IRP Feature, “Poverty and the Developing Brain”:

Information on African American health from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/aahealth/index.html

Analysis from The Hamilton Project, “Racial Economic Inequality Amid the COVID-19 Crisis”:
https://www.hamiltonproject.org/papers/racial_economic_inequality_amid_the_covid_19_crisis