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Racism is a Public Health Crisis Related Articles 2020

We have compiled here articles, podcasts, and tools highlighting racism being a public health crisis. Please reach out to Samantha Lew, slew@hesct.org to add to this list!

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CONNECTICUT SPECIFIC:

- **Title:** The governor should declare racism to be a public health emergency
Link: <https://ctmirror.org/category/ct-viewpoints/the-governor-should-declare-racism-to-be-a-public-health-emergency/>
- **Title:** We Need to Name it: Racism is a Public Health Crisis
Link: <https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2020/06/02/we-need-to-name-it-racism-is-a-public-health-crisis/>
- **Title:** Where do we go from here? Black leaders in Connecticut respond to police brutality, systemic racism and the death of George Floyd
Link: https://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-news-black-leaders-respond-george-floyd-protests-20200607-ziipx5tljve3zgup3xrpvl4veu-story.html?outputType=amp&_twitter_impression=true
- **Title:** Amid calls for defunding the police in wake of the death of George Floyd, Hartford council cuts the police budget but not as steeply as some had proposed
Link: <https://www.courant.com/community/hartford/hc-news-har-police-budget-20200623-u5vyxekadfak3is6uzdc2w7tv-y-story.html>
- **Title:** Connecticut Politics Week in Review: Democratic lawmakers outline racial justice agenda
Link: <https://www.courant.com/politics/hc-pol-capitol-watch-newsletter-0619-20200619-242aez2oanfxbexqm5stippu-story.html>
- **Title:** Senator petitions Lamont to declare racism a health emergency
Link: <https://www.ctpost.com/news/coronavirus/article/Senator-petitions-Lamont-to-declare-racism-a-15342308.php>
- **Title:** Opinion: Conn. session must be called on racial inequities
Link: <https://www.ctpost.com/opinion/article/Opinion-General-Assembly-session-must-be-called-15341459.php>
- **Title:** Racism is a Public Health Emergency: State Senator Urges CT to be 1st State to Issue Declaration

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Link: <https://ctbythenumbers.news/ctnews/racism-is-a-public-health-emergency-state-senator-urges-declaration-and-action>

COVID-19 & RACISM:

- **Title:** Reggie Jackson: The impact of racism is the “Other Coronavirus Crisis” for People of Color
Link: <http://www.milwaukeeindependent.com/featured/reggie-jackson-impact-racism-coronavirus-crisis-people-color/>
- **Title:** Public Health Experts Say the Pandemic is Exactly Why Protests Must Continue
Link: https://slate.com/technology/2020/06/protests-coronavirus-pandemic-public-health-racism.html?fbclid=IwAR0vaG07M8rEJfG7VPcIoxS4zhzyvQ2zWErq8ci-RGk_wjLWV1M6mpX7L3E
- **Title:** US: Covid-19 Disparities Reflect Structural Racism, Abuses
Link: <https://backend.hrw.org/news/2020/06/10/us-covid-19-disparities-reflect-structural-racism-abuses>
- **Title:** COVID-19 Racial Health Disparities Highlight Why We Need to Address Structural Racism
Link: https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/covid-19-racial-health-disparities-highlight-why-we-need-address-structural-racism?cm_ven=ExactTarget&cm_cat=UIU+-+6.4.2020&cm_pla=All+Subscribers&cm_ite=https%3a%2f%2fwww.urban.org%2furban-wire%2fcovid-19-racial-health-disparities-highlight-why-we-need-address-structural-racism&cm_ainfo=&&utm_source=%20urban_newsletters&&utm_medium=news-UIU&&utm_term=URBAN_antiracism&&
- **Title:** The direct result of racism’: Covid-19 lays bare how discrimination drives health disparities among Black people
Link: https://www.statnews.com/2020/06/09/systemic-racism-black-health-disparities/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hs_mi=89202253&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--mu1yvrylb5U0MDuneps_D1suiiNa8MoDiRluoKxyJOJoUCN6ggqXh3mVSRcige1XwdrDHVIVyuUH6TGABspxYXNXwsA&utm_content=89202253&utm_source=hs_email
- **Title:** Lamont: Connecticut Faces Two Contagions, COVID And Racism
Link: https://www.wnpr.org/post/lamont-connecticut-faces-two-contagions-covid-and-racism?utm_source=Connecticut+Public&utm_campaign=5654ecfd52-NEWSLETTER_YOUR+START_20200702&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_685fda1a0e-5654ecfd52-115615139&mc_cid=5654ecfd52&mc_eid=ccbd5998ee
- **Title:** Why Racism, Not Race, Is a Risk Factor for Dying of COVID-19
Link: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-racism-not-race-is-a-risk-factor-for-dying-of-covid-19/>

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE:

- **Title:** Defunding Police Isn't Enough. There's Systemic Racism in Healthcare Too
Link: https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/v7gb9d/defunding-police-isnt-enough-theres-systemic-racism-in-healthcare-too

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- **Title:** Officials Seek To Shift Resources Away From Policing To Address Black ‘Public Health Crisis’
Link: https://khn.org/news/officials-seek-to-shift-resources-away-from-policing-to-address-black-public-health-crisis/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=90220110&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-Q25ofcBi5C0y7a4AmlDZFmrjIFaMULHt3CXyAB6O0tn32LxJx7wkee-Ag_9_tzxd3a507Tr1I2riiqIZ-V1oJ9pgFQ&utm_content=90220110&utm_source=hs_email
- **Title:** Racism: The contagion in health care we need to eradicate
Link: https://www.statnews.com/2020/06/04/racism-contagion-health-care-must-eradicate/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=89042583&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-8nklN8gxgpnSlmW3GXp8GDe-GF967x0kaopsfD7AWji6N88asnq-gBKmBeHAToEUplQtMNngLBYhsEZ6RBF7Go1fqpxw&utm_content=89042583&utm_source=hs_email
- **Title:** CDC Employees Call Out Agency's 'Toxic Culture Of Racial Aggressions'
Link: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/07/13/889769017/cdc-employees-call-out-agencys-toxic-culture-of-racial-aggression>
- **Title:** Racism is killing black people. It’s sickening them, too.
Link: https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/racism-is-killing-black-people-its-sickening-them-too/2020/06/04/fe004cc8-a681-11ea-b619-3f9133bbb482_story.html?_hsenc=p2ANqtz--GGqg2x4H2OzYfeWnRpfDYy65xLAM5I_XZ6rAE9J-x6uUN2gDtJsVWFYkFYVs9OHGohcu_rX3hpllb_5f1F1xuQ96pKQ&_hsmi=89042583&utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_content=89042583&utm_medium=email&utm_source=hs_email
- **Title:** Racism Is a Public Health Crisis, Say Cities and Counties
Link: <https://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2020/06/15/racism-is-a-public-health-crisis-say-cities-and-counties>
- **Title:** Racism: The contagion in health care we need to eradicate
Link: https://www.statnews.com/2020/06/04/racism-contagion-health-care-must-eradicate/?utm_campaign=KHN%3A%20Daily%20Health%20Policy%20Report&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=89042583&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--TCWZ_QBLJowhMNQ7nHZhWgJ5EI7Xdk8zf5zz76uoLYKZqPs2DtatmZFtLyXQ6JrwFC9eMgjJoR_MsR9r3fgM_raNnZw&utm_content=89042583&utm_source=hs_email
- **Title:** ‘Long overdue’: lawmakers declare racism a public health emergency
Link: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jun/12/racism-public-health-black-brown-coronavirus>

HES IN THE NEWS:

- **Title:** Study highlights worsening disparities amid COVID-19 pandemic
Link: <https://ctmirror.org/2020/07/06/study-highlights-worsening-disparities-amid-covid-19-pandemic/>
- **Title:** Ahmaud Arbery. Breonna Taylor. George Floyd. Say Their Names
Link: <https://medicine.yale.edu/news-article/25410/>
- **Title:** Experts: Racism at root of public health gap between white people, people of color

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Link: <https://www.ctinsider.com/news/nhregister/article/Experts-Racism-at-root-of-public-health-gap-15383812.php>

TOOLS & RESOURCES

- **Title:** Racism: What It Takes to Treat It as a Public Health Crisis
Link: <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/racism-what-it-takes-to-treat-it-as-a-public-health-crisis/>

TOWNS THAT PASSED A RESOLUTION:

- **Title:** 'This Is Not Merely Some Gesture to Check a Box:' Manchester Declares Racism a Public Health Crisis
Link: <https://www.nbcconnecticut.com/news/local/this-is-not-merely-some-gesture-to-check-a-box-manchester-declares-racism-a-public-health-crisis/2299295/>
- **Title:** What happens after declaring racism a public health crisis? A Wisconsin county offers a clue
Link: <https://www.cleveland.com/news/2020/06/what-happens-after-a-city-or-county-declares-racism-a-public-health-crisis-a-wisconsin-county-offers-a-clue.html>
- **Title:** Windsor council declares racism a public health crisis
Link: https://www.journalinquirer.com/towns/windsor/windsor-council-declares-racism-a-public-health-crisis/article_66038f1e-b17d-11ea-b0cf-eb1ce5a7108e.html
- **Title:** Conn. Cities and Towns Declare Racism A Public Health Crisis: Now What?
Link: <https://www.wnpr.org/post/conn-cities-and-towns-declare-racism-public-health-crisis-now-what>
- **Title:** Manchester, Windham latest cities to declare racism a public health crisis
Link: <https://www.wtnh.com/news/connecticut/hartford/hartford-bloomfield-and-new-britain-latest-in-discussions-to-declare-racism-as-a-public-health-crisis/>
- **Title:** New Britain council adopts resolution declaring racism a public health crisis
Link: <http://www.newbritainherald.com/NBH-New+Britain+News/374277/new-britain-council-adopts-resolution-declaring-racism-a-public-health-crisis>