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| ****Health Equity, Racism, and This Moment in Time****Hastings Center online event next week |
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|   The Hastings Center will host “Health Equity, Racism, and This Moment in Time,” the first in a Hastings Conversations discussion series, **Securing Health in a Troubled Time.** Disparate health outcomes for people of color and the poor have been recognized for decades, but the pandemic has made them inescapably visible. Visible too is the racism that accounts for the cruelty witnessed, as millions watched George Floyd’s murder.  We know the social causes of these inequities and the policies that could address them. Yet as a nation, we have failed to act. Now, we face three simultaneous crises – in public health, in the economy, and in the American relationship to race. Can we seize the moment to advance health and well-being for all of us?  What’s at stake if we don’t? What are the best ways to proceed?Join this Hastings Conversations event with: Richard Besser, President, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and former acting director for the Centers for Disease Control and PreventionHerminia Palacio, President, The Guttmacher Institute and former Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services for the City of New YorkMildred Z. Solomon, President, The Hastings CenterThe event will take place online on **Thursday, August 13, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern time**. [Learn more and register here](https://www.thehastingscenter.org/health-equity-racism/).  |
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