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- 1) Go to “The Action Network” link for Ecumenical Advocacy Days:
<https://tinyurl.com/EADAction>
- 2) Fill out your basic contact info.
- 3) Add info required by your Members of Congress’ webforms, such as prefix & letter subject.
4. Compose your letter, using the text to the left as your guide.


Climate and COVID19 Action

Ecumenical Advocacy Days’ 2020 conference theme is “Imagine! God’s Earth and People Restored!” As the COVID-19 pandemic lays bare the deeply rooted systemic injustice and institutionalized racism that traps communities of color in cycles of poverty and poor health outcomes, we come together as an ecumenical Christian community to demand justice in our nation’s response.

These communities already experience devastating racial, health and economic inequities due to climate change and environmental injustice, making them more vulnerable to job loss, debt, wealth loss, illness, and death during this time. For this reason, each response to this pandemic must employ a racial equity lens that equips policies and programs to eliminate such divides.

Call on Congress urging them to pass short-term relief and long-term recovery packages that address historic systemic racism and wealth disparities, while also addressing immediate needs in the U.S. and around the world. Further, we must support developing countries’ recovery through debt relief and poverty-focused foreign assistance. We are a global community and we will not have recovered until all have recovered.

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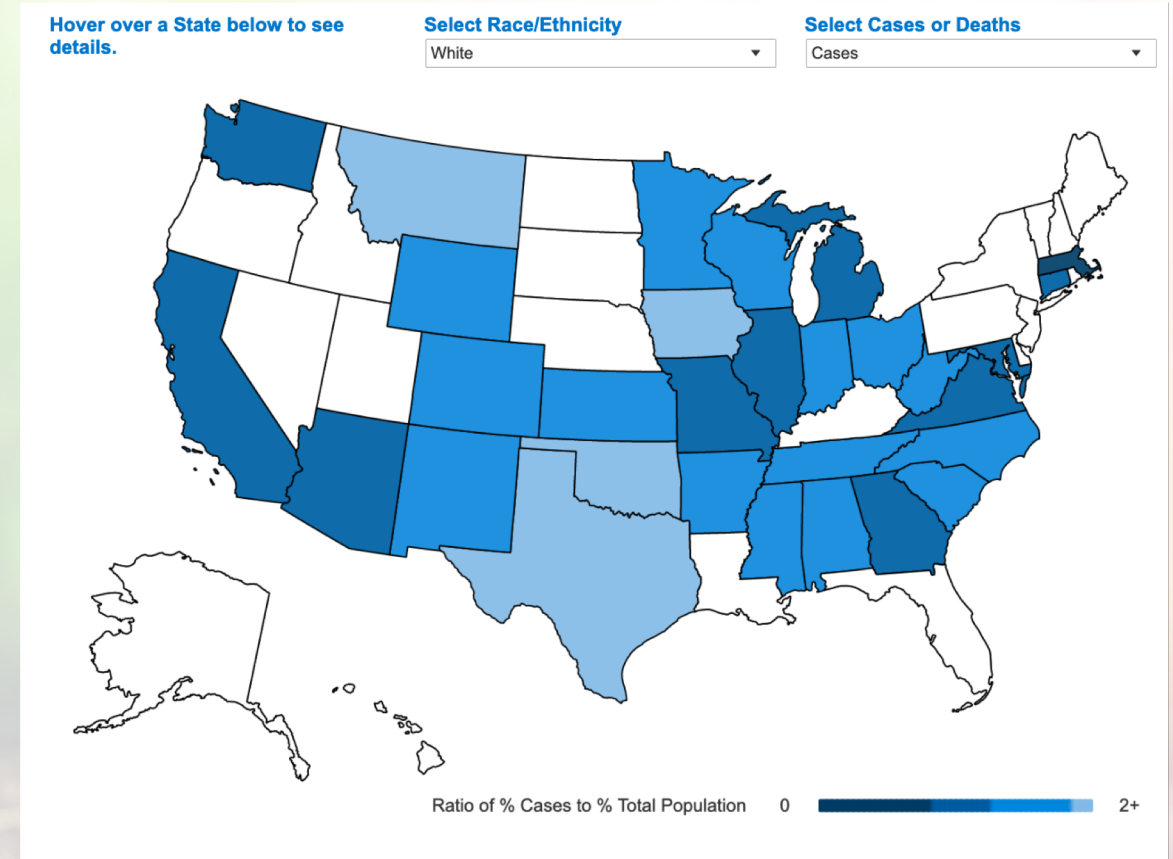
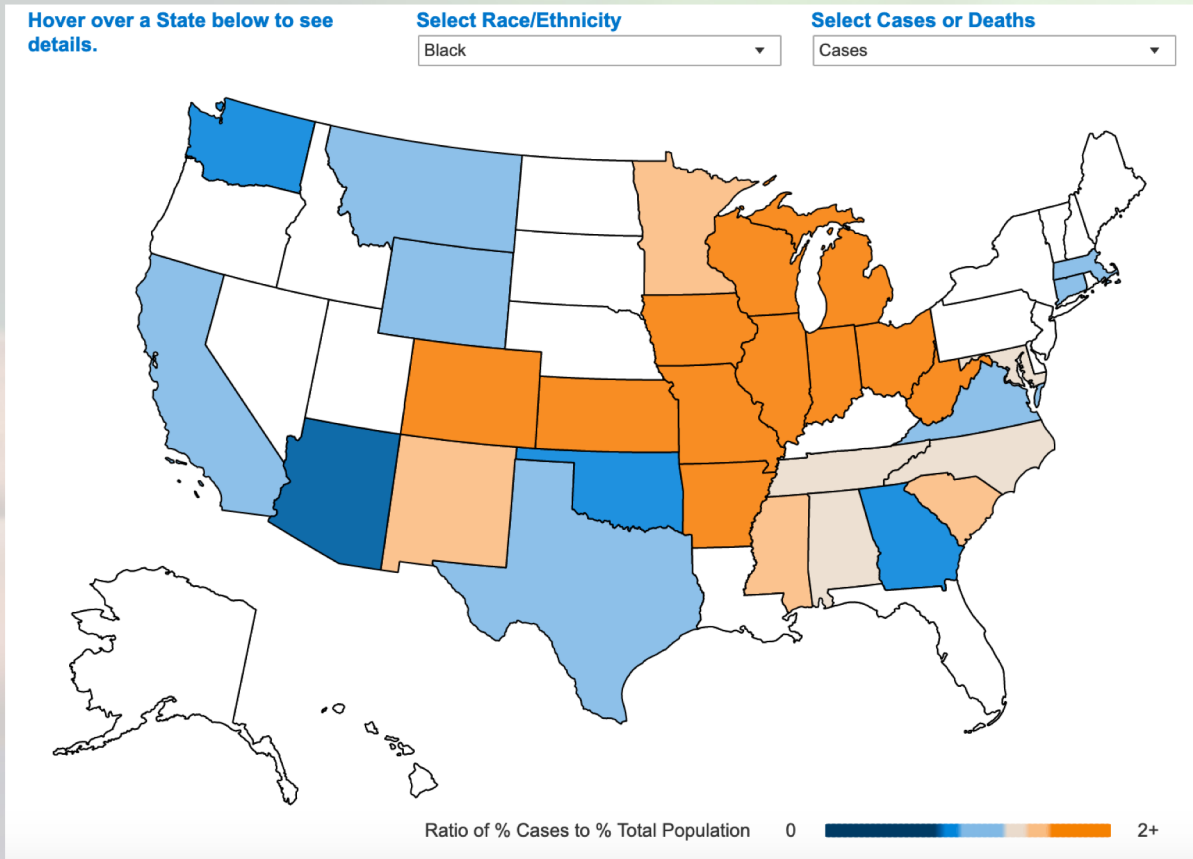
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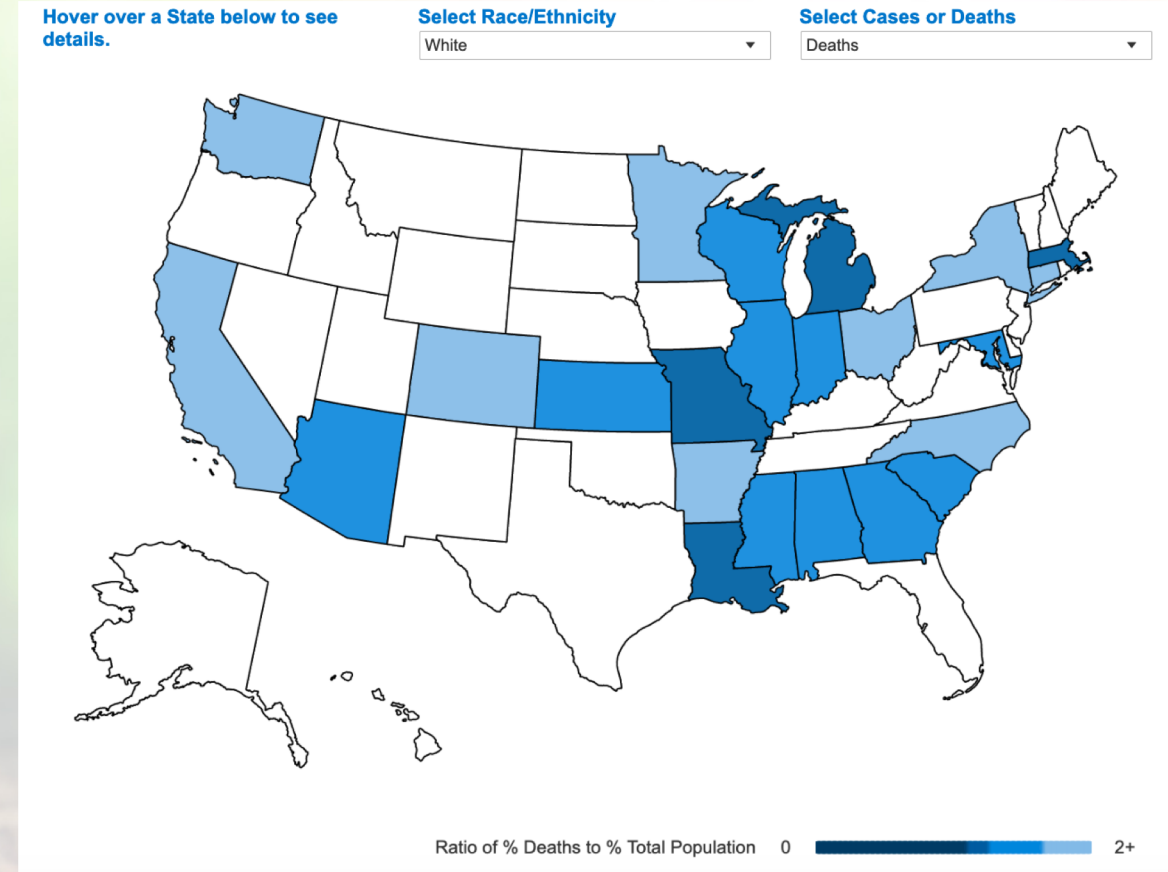
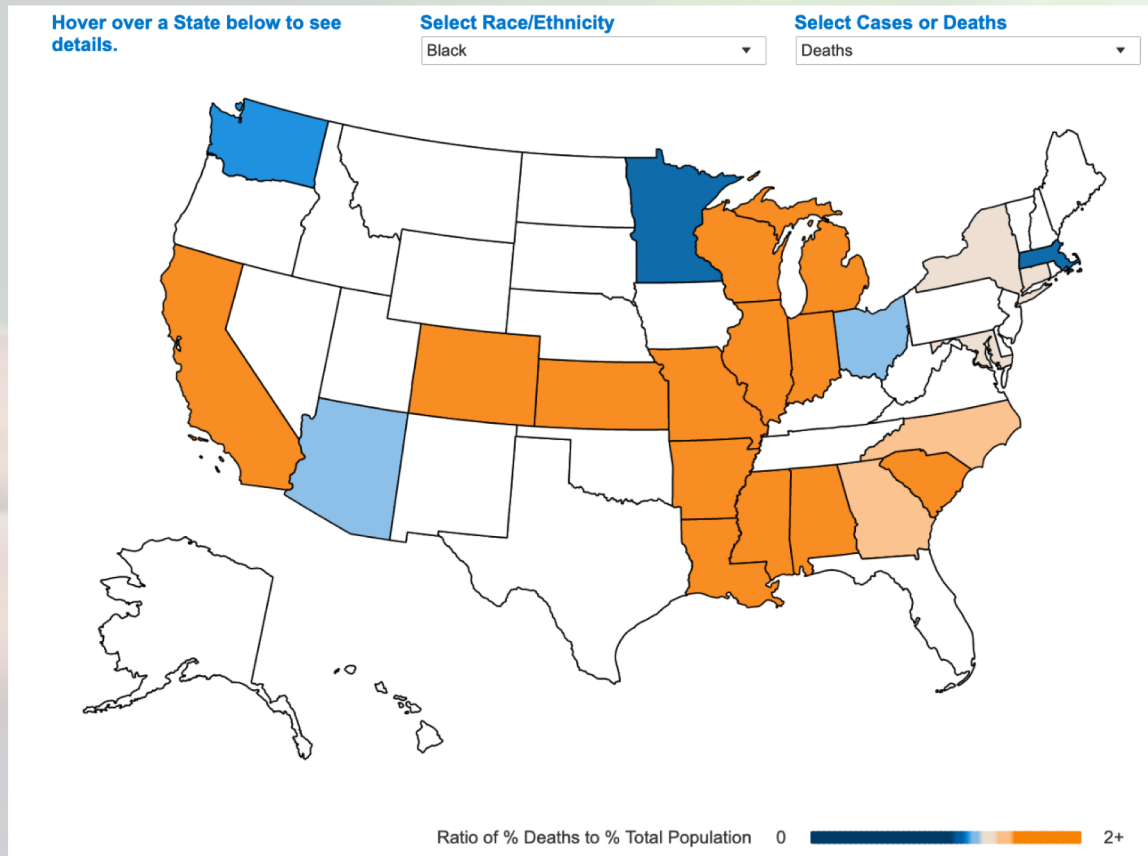


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Communities of color are hit harder by COVID-19. (Data from the Kaiser Family Foundation)

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More than 2,500 homes in Detroit still without water after city pledged to restore service amid coronavirus outbreak

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First pollution, now coronavirus: Black parish in Louisiana deals with 'a double whammy' of death

"Air pollution and pollution in general is segregated, and so is America," one expert said.



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Coronavirus hits Indian Country hard, exposing infrastructure disparities

"You're saying 20 seconds of wash your hands with water," a Navajo doctor in Arizona said. "We do not have plumbing. And that's how I grew up."

The coronavirus is taking its toll on the Navajo Nation



THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

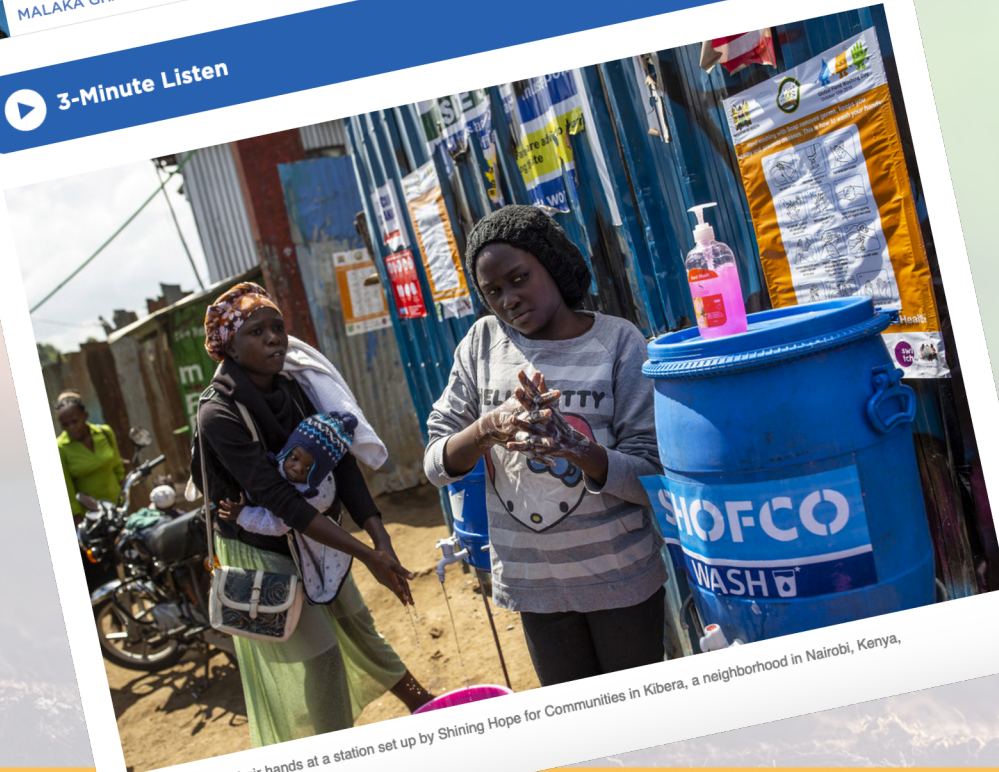
How Do You Wash Your Hands To Fend Off Coronavirus If Water Is Scarce?

March 30, 2020 · 1:55 PM ET
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MALAKA GHARIB

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Residents wash their hands at a station set up by Shining Hope for Communities in Kibera, a neighborhood in Nairobi, Kenya, where running water is scarce.
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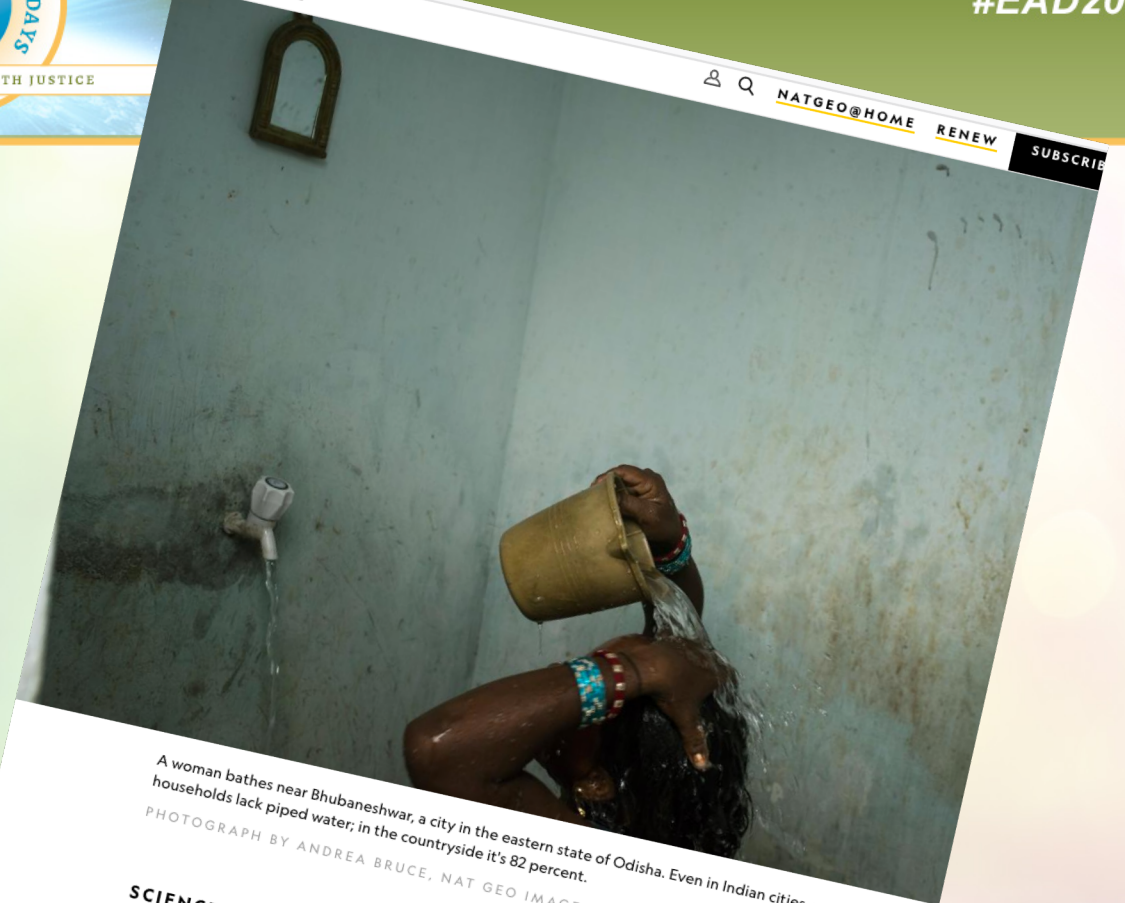
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A woman bathes near Bhubaneswar, a city in the eastern state of Odisha. Even in Indian cities, most households lack piped water; in the countryside it's 82 percent.
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Handwashing helps stop COVID-19. But in India, water is scarce

Only a fifth of all households in this nation of 1.3 billion have piped running water. That makes frequent handwashing a challenge.



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President signs \$2 trillion economic stimulus

CASH INFUSION AIMS TO STEM VIRUS FALLOUT
Trump, Congress quickly clash on implementation

BY ERICA WERNER,
PAUL KANE
AND MIKE DeBONIS

President Trump on Friday signed a massive \$2 trillion emergency spending bill into law, promising to deliver a tidal wave of cash to individual Americans, businesses and health-care facilities all reeling from the coronavirus pandemic.

His signature came just hours after the House of Representatives passed the massive package by an overwhelming voice vote and less than 48 hours after it received unanimous approval from the Senate.

"This will deliver urgently needed relief to our nation's families, workers and businesses. And that's what this is all about," Trump said at a signing ceremony in the Oval Office, with GOP congressional leaders and administration officials seated beside him.

At a White House news conference Wednesday, President Trump lavished praise on Steven Mnuchin for shepherding the

Mnuchin emerges as able dealmaker in stimulus talks

BY JEFF STEIN,
JOSH DAWSEY
AND ROBERT COSTA



Ecumenical Advocacy Days “ask” for any coronavirus **relief** package

- 1) Assures that **assistance**—healthcare assistance, access to no cost virus testing and treatment, protection for essential workers, food security, unemployment benefits, and housing—focuses on workers and families of color who are the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic and applies a racial equity lens to ensure each community receives proportionate aid with the expected impact.
- 2) Places a nationwide **moratorium on essential utility shut-offs** such as water, electricity, and heat and ensures that marginalized communities with poor **access to clean water, both in the U.S. and around the world**, are given the assistance they need.
- 3) Authorizes **debt relief for developing countries** so that they can respond to the economic and health crisis. Support their COVID-19 response by providing **poverty-focused foreign assistance** for public health, humanitarian programs, food and nutrition security, and disaster preparedness. If done right, these programs can also promote climate resilience.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days “ask” for any coronavirus **recovery** package

- 1) Provide **funding and resources to communities of color** who have been historically impacted by environmental racism to address health risks caused by air and water pollution as well as create more resilience to future disasters.
- 2) Provide for **mine reclamation and toxic site cleanup**.
- 3) **Invest in sustainable infrastructure**, particularly in low-wealth communities and communities of color to provide clean water, renewable energy capacity, clean air, internet broadband, and public transportation in order to spur economic recovery and reduce economic disparities.

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