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**Nicolette A. Louissaint, PhD, serves as executive director and president of Healthcare Ready**, a 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on strengthening the United States' healthcare supply chain preparedness and response before, during and after natural disasters and disease pandemics. After assuming the leadership role in 2017, Nicolette ensured the organization's ability to establish strategic public/private partnerships and serve as a critical linkage point for the end-to-end supply chain and government partners at the federal, state, and local government level. Today, Healthcare Ready is uniquely positioned to facilitate coordination that improves our nation's ability to plan for and respond to threats that disrupt patient access to healthcare during crises, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods or disease outbreaks, such as COVID-19.

Prior to this role, during the height of the Ebola Epidemic of 2014, Nicolette served as the Senior Advisor to the US State Department's Special Coordinator for Ebola. In this role, she was responsible for coordinating international efforts and jumpstarted the diplomatic response to the epidemic.

Earlier in her career, Nicolette served as a Foreign Affairs Officer at the US Department of State in the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs. As the lead officer for health intellectual property and trade issues, she advised the State Department's leadership on issues related to public health, technology transfer, and biotechnology. She also worked on policies related to pharmaceutical counterfeiting, pharmaceutical trade, supply chain, climate change and other science and technology development issues.

In 2019, Nicolette was appointed to serve on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Advisory Council. She also holds a position on Baltimore's Sustainability Commission. She also serves as a co-Chair of the Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council.

Nicolette has an MBA from the University of Baltimore, a Bachelor of Science degrees in Chemical Engineering and Biological Sciences from Carnegie Mellon University, and a PhD in Pharmacology and Molecular Sciences from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She has also completed post-doctoral fellowships at the Johns Hopkins University and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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## ABOUT HEALTHCARE READY

**Healthcare Ready is a medical disaster and mitigation nonprofit organization that helps to strengthen healthcare supply chains through collaboration with public health and private sectors by addressing pressing issues before, during, and after disasters. As a convener of industry and government, the organization safeguards patient health by providing solutions to critical problems and best practices for healthcare preparedness and response.**

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## RESOURCES

**COVID-19 Resource Page:** <https://healthcareready.org/covid19/>

- COVID-19 United States Measures and Travel Restrictions Map
- COVID-19 International and Travel Transportation Restrictions Map
- Situation Reports - COVID-19
- Resources for Healthcare Sector, Individuals and Patients for COVID-19
- Pandemic Planning Guidance
- State-Specific Information on COVID-19

**IN THE NEWS:** <https://healthcareready.org/hcr-in-the-news/>

APRIL 5, 2020 - C-SPAN (WASHINGTON JOURNAL)

Nicolette Louissaint on Health Care Preparedness and COVID-19 Response  
<https://www.c-span.org/video/?470912-4/washington-journal-nicolette-louissaint-discusses-us-coronavirus-response>

MARCH 16, 2020 - NAACP

NAACP Tele Town Hall Draws Over 21,000 As Communities Grapple With The Impact Of Global Coronavirus Pandemic  
<https://naacp.org/latest/naacp-tele-town-hall-draws-21000-communities-grapple-impact-global-coronavirus-pandemic/>

MARCH 3, 2020 - MORNING CONSULT

Looking Beyond Supply Chains To Assess Health System's Response To Outbreaks  
<https://morningconsult.com/opinions/looking-beyond-supply-chains-assess-health-systems-response-outbreaks/>

FEBRUARY 28, 2020 ASSOCIATED PRESS NEWS

US Reports First Drug Shortage Tied To Virus Outbreak  
<https://apnews.com/8df49a06324a83735f6a204f88eeacce>

FEBRUARY 27, 2020 THE ROOT

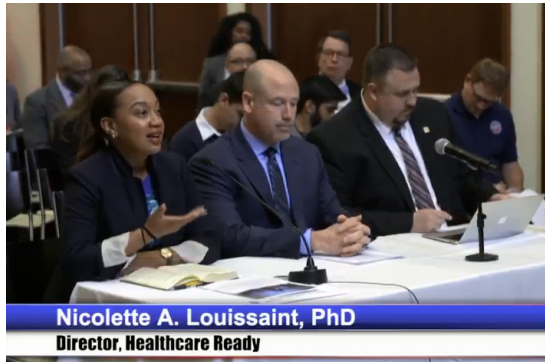
Preparing For Outbreaks Like Coronavirus Is Always Difficult. For Marginalized Communities, It's Crucial  
<https://www.theroot.com/preparing-for-outbreaks-like-coronavirus-is-always-diff-1841950250>

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 - NPR MARKETPLACE

Prescription drug supply could be hit by COVID-19  
<https://www.marketplace.org/2020/02/26/prescription-drug-supply-could-be-hit-coronavirus-pandemic/>

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## VIDEOS AND WEBINARS

**Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management** COVID-19 webinar

[https://www.conferencecalling.com/recordings/1536612/990670/VCISPREC01\\_990670\\_20200313\\_105855](https://www.conferencecalling.com/recordings/1536612/990670/VCISPREC01_990670_20200313_105855)

**NAACP** Tele-town Hall - 3/16/20

<https://naacp.org/latest/naacp-tele-town-hall-draws-21000-communities-grapple-impact-global-coronavirus-pandemic/>

**NPR Marketplace**

<https://www.marketplace.org/2017/09/25/puerto-rico-manufactures-quarter-all-us-exported-drugs-what-will/> - 09/25/17

<https://www.marketplace.org/2020/02/26/prescription-drug-supply-could-be-hit-coronavirus-pandemic/> - 02/26/20

**WURD Radio:** Reality Check with Charles Ellison - 02/25/20

<https://wurdradio.com/podcast/reality-check-2-25-20-nicolette-louissaint/>

**Dukes of Hazzard**

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-26-how-do-you-solve-a-problem-like-maria-pro-tip-drugs/id810691908?i=1000394874748> - 11/16/17

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-28-women-in-emergency-management/id810691908?i=1000407561644>  
- 3/27/18

**NACCHO** - 4/19/19

<http://naccho.libsyn.com/podcast-from-washington-healthcare-ready-executive-director-dr-nicolette-louissaint>

**APHA** Get Ready Podcast

[http://aphagetready.org/new\\_pg\\_podcast.htm](http://aphagetready.org/new_pg_podcast.htm)

**Disaster Politics**

<https://tunein.com/podcasts/Podcasts/Disaster-Politics-p1017851/?topicId=129234760>