

A Virtuous Cycle: What We Learn from COVID-19 about Policies that Support Health, the Economy, and Equity

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Dr. Raifman conducts research on how health and social policies shape population health and health disparities. Her current work is focused on evaluating policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis. She created and leads the COVID-19 U.S. State Policy Database (CUSP, at statepolicies.com), tracking more than 200 state policy responses to the pandemic to facilitate rapid response research and journalism. Her research during the pandemic indicates that greater state minimum wages, unemployment insurance, paid sick leave, and the child tax credit were associated with reduced food insufficiency. She has documented how structural racism shaped disparities in susceptibility to severe illness due to COVID-19. She has also highlighted that increased suicidal ideation during this period is concentrated among people living in low-income households. She is a collaborator on a study indicating that lifting state eviction freezes was associated with increased COVID-19 cases and deaths, a finding that helped uphold a federal eviction moratorium until the fall of 2021. She has communicated about policy evidence and approaches to reducing disparities in the New York Times, the Washington Post, National Public Radio, the Atlantic, BBC news, Axios, USA Today, StatNews, The Guardian, and The Conversation. Dr. Raifman leads the Health Inequities Strategic Research area at the Boston University School of Public Health and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Committee in the Health Law, Policy, & Management Department. She is committed to supporting structural changes to improve diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in academia. Dr. Raifman received her doctoral and masters degree

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