



Beyond the Deliberation: **Resources for Continued Engagement on** ***Lessons Learned from COVID-19***

One of the key deliberative dispositions that the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) has identified is an “action orientation.” While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to shared agreement on key issues and an intentional commitment to take either individual or collective action on them.

Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve issuing a set of recommendations or deciding to support a particular policy. It might also manifest as developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, participating in continued discussions, or generating new approaches to engaging with the issue.

To support such an orientation, the DCI shares a series of “action pathways” for participants to consider after each event or activity it sponsors. Please see the pathways below related to the topic of **lessons learned from COVID-19**. Engaging in these activities is voluntary -- participants are free to choose any of the pathways, or none. But we encourage you to at least consider them as options that can build on the conversation you just had with your fellow deliberative citizens.

Get Informed

- Learn about the [global economic impacts of COVID-19](#) according to the *World Bank*.
- Learn about the [impact of COVID-19 on schools](#) in this report from the *Pew Research Center*.
- Read about the [disparate impact of social distancing](#) in this article by the *New York Times*.
- Listen to what researchers have to say about [conspiracy theories during the pandemic](#) in this video by *BBC*.
- Check out what [lessons we’ve learned from the COVID-19 pandemic](#) in this research published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Acta Paediatrica*.
- Check out the [3-year distribution of COVID-19 cases](#) in this map from *Johns Hopkins University*.

Get Connected

- Share and learn about personal experiences during the pandemic on [StoryCorps](#), an oral history project that captures unscripted conversations.
- Listen to [Social Distance](#), a podcast by *The Atlantic* documenting the first 15 months of the coronavirus pandemic
- Review research produced by the [American Enterprise Institute](#) on COVID.
- Follow the [World Health Organization Newsroom](#) for updates on global health initiatives.
- Turn to online communities such as [r/Coronavirus](#) on Reddit for quick and easy access to relevant publications.
- Regularly visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [COVID Data Tracker](#) website to stay up to date on information.

Get Involved

- Follow the [CDC's guidelines](#) for steps to take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses.
- Support the work of [Mutual Aid Hub](#), groups of local people who come together to address challenges and respond to the needs of their community.
- Consider giving to the [Center for Health Security at Johns Hopkins](#), which researches biosecurity and advocates for better policy.
- Get a free certification entitled '[Science Matters: Let's Talk about COVID-19](#)', from the Jameel Institute at Imperial College London to hear directly from world-class experts about the theory behind the analyses of COVID-19 and its spread.
- Check out the work of the [Galen Institute's Health Policy Consensus Group](#), which is focused on expanding health freedom using market-based approaches.
- Join an online and private [COVID-19 Support & Recovery](#) group on Facebook.

About This Guide

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The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative

The Deliberative Citizenship Initiative (DCI) is dedicated to the creation of opportunities for Davidson students, faculty, staff, alumni, and members of the wider community to productively engage with one another on difficult and contentious issues facing our community and society. The DCI regularly hosts facilitated deliberations on a wide range of topics and organizes training workshops for deliberation facilitators. To learn more about these opportunities, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org.

DCI Deliberation Guides

The DCI has launched this series of Deliberation Guides as a foundation for such conversations. They provide both important background information on the topics in question and a specific framework for engaging with these topics. The Guides are designed to be informative without being overwhelming and structured without being inflexible. They cover a range of topics and come in a variety of formats but share several common elements, including opportunities to commit to a shared set of Conversation Agreements, learn about diverse perspectives, and reflect together on the conversation and its yield. The DCI encourages conversations based on these guides to be moderated by a trained facilitator. After each conversation, the DCI also suggests that its associated Pathways Guide be distributed to the conversation's participants.

DCI Pathways Guides

For every Deliberation Guide, the DCI has also developed an associated Pathways Guide, which outlines opportunities for action that participants can consider that are related to the covered topic. These Pathways Guides reinforce the DCI's commitment to an action orientation, a key deliberative disposition. While dialogue and deliberation are themselves important contributors to a healthy democracy, they become even more valuable when they lead to individual or collective action on the key issues facing society. Such action can come in a range of forms and should be broadly understood. It might involve developing a better understanding of a topic, connecting with relevant local or national organizations, generating new approaches to an issue, or deciding to support a particular policy.

If you make use of this guide in a deliberation, please provide attribution to the Deliberative Citizenship Initiative and email dc@deliberativecitizenship.org to tell us about your event. To access more of our growing library of Deliberation Guides, Pathways Guides and other resources, visit www.deliberativecitizenship.org/readings-and-resources.