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**Nebraska Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights  
Announces Public Web Briefing for Study on the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Education**

The Nebraska Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will be hosting a web briefing to hear testimony regarding the civil rights implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on education in the state, with a focus on the mental health challenges faced by youth. This will be the third panel the Committee will hold as they develop findings and recommendations to submit to the Commission.

**Panel III: Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. CT**  
**“Overview on the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Education: Youth Mental Health”**  
Online registration (video and audio): <https://tinyurl.com/yf7x8zvy>  
Telephone access (audio only): 833-435-1820; Meeting ID: #161 584 3630

Committee Chair Nikitah Imani said, “As our Committee continues its study on the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on education in Nebraska, we are hoping to gain a better understanding of the impact on youth by hearing from mental health advocates and practitioners.”

Committee Vice-Chair Edmund Hamann said, “The Nebraska Advisory Committee is looking forward to further studying the impacts of COVID-19 on K-12 education in Nebraska. We encourage members of the public to attend to voice their experience by providing public comment or written testimony.”

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period towards the end of each panel. Members of the public are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives of how the pandemic impacted education in the state. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting to make the request. The Committee will also accept written comments related to this study. Please send written statements on this topic to Victoria Moreno, at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) until December 8, 2023. Meeting materials will be available at the [Nebraska Advisory Committee Folder](#).

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