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**Nebraska Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Web Briefings 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 web briefings to hear testimony regarding the civil rights implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on education in the state, with a focus on the digital divide and increasing mental health challenges. The Committee intends to provide the Commission with their findings and recommendations on these topics. The first two briefings will take place:

Panel I: Monday, July 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. CT

“Overview on the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Education”

Online registration (video and audio): <https://tinyurl.com/bdxec4m4>

Telephone access (audio only): 833-435-1820; Meeting ID: 160 166 3612#

Panel II: Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. CT

“E-Learning and the Digital Divide”

Online registration: <https://tinyurl.com/37bzknb5>

Telephone access (audio only): 833-435-1820, Meeting ID: 161 805 8975#

Committee Chair Nikitah Imani said, “Our Committee has chosen to study the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on education in Nebraska to better understand the lived experiences and lessons learned from the urgent need to shift educational practices so that we can identify areas that are still in need of improvements and support from a civil rights lens.”

Committee Vice-Chair Edmund Hamann said, “The Nebraska Advisory Committee strongly believes in the timeliness of this study and welcomes public input. We invite community members, including but not limited to, students, teachers, school administrators, and parents to provide 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 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 until August 11, 2023. Meeting materials will be available at the [Nebraska Advisory Committee Folder](#).

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