



HEALTH EQUITY AND COVID-19 VACCINES

COVID-19 has exposed serious, ongoing inequities in our health system.

This has resulted in higher numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths among communities of color.



“ Mitigating these inequities by explicitly addressing the higher burden of COVID-19 experienced by [Black, Hispanic or Latinx, American Indian and Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities] is a moral imperative of any equitable vaccine allocation framework. ”

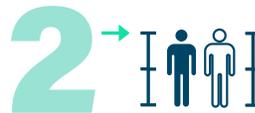
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus (2020).

WHAT WE KNOW



1 **Racial and ethnic health disparities, including a higher prevalence of chronic conditions,** less access to health care, and increased risk of viral exposure, are causing more COVID-19 cases and poorer outcomes among communities of color.

www.fightchronicdisease.org/sites/default/files/PFCD%20-%20COVID%20Heat%20Map%20-%20Fact%20Sheet%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf



2 In the United States, through December 2, 2020, **Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders were most likely to have contracted COVID-19.** Black/African American people were most likely to have died.

<https://covidtracking.com/race/infection-and-mortality-data>

COVID-19 HITTING HARDEST AMONG COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

Rates Compared to White, Non-Hispanic Persons	American Indian or Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic Persons	Asian, Non-Hispanic Persons	Black or African American, Non-Hispanic Persons	Hispanic or Latino Persons
Cases	2.8x higher	1.1x higher	2.6x higher	2.8x higher
Hospitalizations	5.3x higher	1.3x higher	4.7x higher	4.6x higher
Deaths	1.4x higher	No Increase	2.1x higher	1.1x higher



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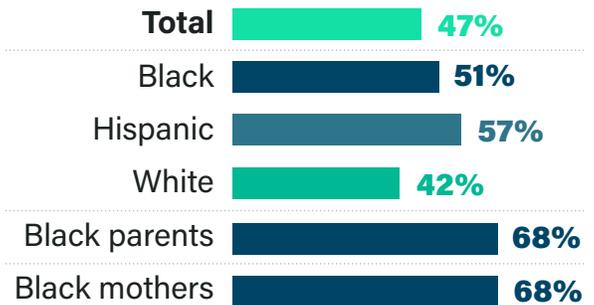


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People of color have been the hardest hit financially by COVID-19, which further exacerbates health inequities. 51% of Black adults and 57% of Hispanic adults say, since February 2020, that they or someone in their household has lost a job, been placed on furlough, or had their income or hours reduced because of the coronavirus.

www.kff.org/report-section/kff-the-undefeated-survey-on-race-and-health-main-findings/#TheDisproportionateImpact

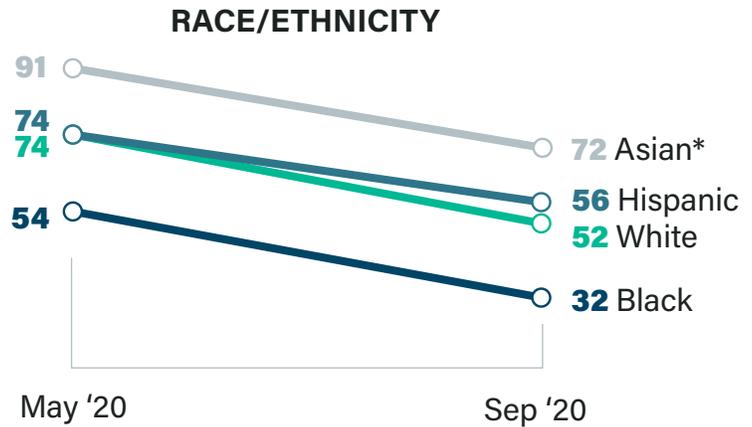


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Black adults are much less likely to say they would get a vaccine than other Americans: Just 32% of Black adults surveyed in September 2020 said they would definitely or probably get a COVID-19 vaccine.

www.pewresearch.org/science/2020/09/17/u-s-public-now-divided-over-whether-to-get-covid-19-vaccine/



We must act immediately to reduce growing COVID-19 disparities among people known to be at higher risk for contracting the virus and experiencing severe symptoms, including prioritizing access to testing, health care services, vaccines, and other supports.



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