What the Coronavirus Has Meant for Our Communities

The pandemic has been particularly difficult and deadly for those of us who are Black, Latinx, Native American and immigrants. This is not due to any genetic or biological predisposition. Our communities have experienced more negative impacts from the pandemic because of systemic racism that has created a chronic lack of access to quality, affordable health care, which leads to underlying health conditions that put individuals at higher risk for severe COVID-19. Additionally, our communities have higher percentages of individuals in jobs that do not allow them to work from home. Below is a look at the national reality for our communities compared to people who are non-ethnic White.

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The COVID-19 Vaccination will save lives in our communities

Vaccines are one of the most important public health advances in human history, playing a critical role in reducing or even eliminating some of the world’s most devastating diseases, including polio and smallpox. There are many reasons why victims of racism, particularly in healthcare settings, are vaccine-hesitant. Fortunately, the approved COVID-19 vaccines have been tested and monitored worldwide and in the United States and are very effective at stopping the virus. These vaccines have been tested on volunteers from all backgrounds, including Blacks, Latinxs, Native-Americans and other traditionally-marginalized groups, and show the same positive results in all of them.

- No corners have been cut despite the speed of development
- Required to follow FDA guidelines
- The vaccines were found safe and work on the virus 90% of the time, which is excellent
- Tested on tens of thousands, including many volunteers who are Black, Latinx and Native American
- Scientists from our communities have been instrumental in the development, testing and distribution of the vaccine

As with all vaccines, the success of this effort depends on you, your neighbors, your family and your friends. If we all join together to get vaccinated, we can protect ourselves, our communities and our state.

STOPPING THIS VIRUS WILL TAKE ALL OF US.

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