



Partnership to Fight Infectious Disease

# 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. ”

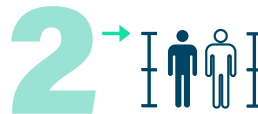
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, *A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus (2020)*.

## 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](http://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	<b>2.8x</b> higher	<b>1.1x</b> higher	<b>2.6x</b> higher	<b>2.8x</b> higher
Hospitalizations	<b>5.3x</b> higher	<b>1.3x</b> higher	<b>4.7x</b> higher	<b>4.6x</b> higher
Deaths	<b>1.4x</b> higher	No Increase	<b>2.1x</b> higher	<b>1.1x</b> higher



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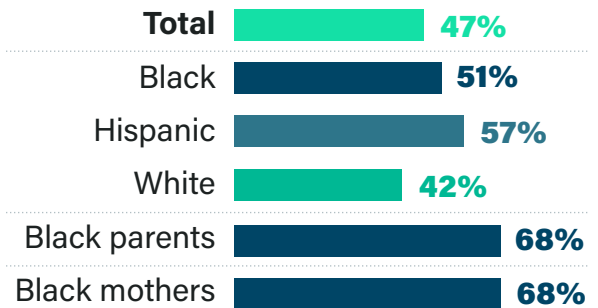
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**People of color have been the hardest hit financially by COVID-19, which further exacerbates health inequities.**

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](http://www.kff.org/report-section/kff-the-undefeated-survey-on-race-and-health-main-findings/#TheDisproportionateImpact)



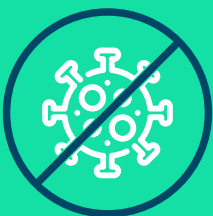
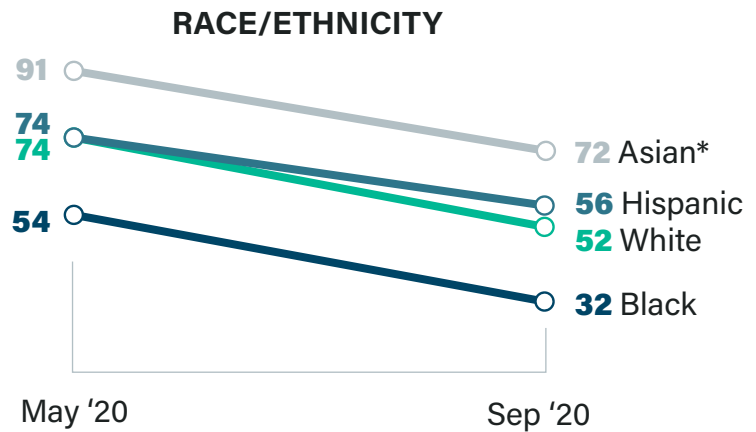
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**Black adults are much less likely to say they would get a vaccine than other Americans:**

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/](http://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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