

# **Covid-19 and It's Racial impacts**

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# Introduction:

Coronavirus (Covid-19) is a worldwide pandemic that is spread from person to person with symptoms ranging from mild to fatal. Since the outbreak, society has been on “lockdown” along with new policies in hope of preventing the spread of this disease. However many of the policies fail to protect African Americans resulting in the black community to have some of the highest fatal rates.

Many African Americans are put at blame for high covid fatal rates due to black people’s collective choices and moral failings.



In reality, housing devaluation, economic injustice, and discrimination in health care that have created the conditions that increase rates of morbidity and mortality across the black community, especially during this unprecedented pandemic.



Communities of color are at increased risk for experiencing serious illness if they become infected with coronavirus due to higher rates of certain underlying health conditions compared to whites. Chronic conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and asthma in black communities




For example, in the District of Columbia, Blacks make up 45% of the total population, but accounted for 29% of confirmed coronavirus cases and 59% of deaths as of April 6, 2020. In Louisiana, Blacks make up 32% of the total state population, but accounted for over 70% of COVID-19 deaths as of April 6, 2020.




While all this chaos is taking place, they've been a lockdown stay at home order put in place to ensure everyone's safety. Unless you are a so called essential worker and service worker. They have been mostly black and brown patients who have been working because they can't afford to stay home considering even though there is a pandemic going on they're still bills needed to be paid and family members that need providing.





A discussion between two French doctors that was broadcasted on television has caused sparks in the news. Jean-Paul Mira, who is head of the intensive care unit at a hospital in Paris made a suggestion to test the COVID-19 vaccine on Africans. "If I could be provocative, shouldn't we do this study in Africa where there are no masks, treatment, or intensive care, a little bit like we did in certain AIDS studies or with prostitutes" Mira said in the interview.

Citizens in Africa are suffering from poverty and this man whose job is to be a doctor is suggesting testing, taking advantage of the fact that individuals are not able to receive the useful resources because of their environmental and financial issues. Africans are looked at and treated less than because of this situation.



However the COVID-19 pandemic occurring is not all negative, some positive impacts have affected the black community. Due to the pandemic, families are able to be home together, being an individual of color we are known to work twice as hard to make it by. Although they may be out of work stimulus checks as well as unemployment have been distributed quicker than usual. The pandemic has also affected those with Section-8, with monthly payments decreasing based on income. As well as the new law that was passed, the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) which protects citizens from being evicted or forced out of their home during the pandemic.



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