Infographic

COVID-19 & People of Color

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PEOPLE OF COLOR
People of color are more likely to have underlying health conditions that increase the risk of a more severe case of COVID-19.
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
90%
of adults hospitalized from COVID-19 have an underlying medical condition.
Here are some of the most common medical conditions among those hospitalized:
HYPERTENSION
40%
Prevalent among 40 percent of non-Hispanic Blacks...
28%
...compared to 28 percent of Whites and Hispanics.
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
2X
Nonelderly American Indians and Alaska Natives (AIANs) are twice as likely as Whites to report having had a heart attack or heart disease.
Blacks have a lower prevalence of heart disease compared to Whites...
BUT they are significantly more likely to die from heart disease, suggesting that if they do have it, it is either not well managed or more severe.
ASTHMA & DIABETES
Blacks and AIANs have higher rates of asthma and diabetes compared to Whites.
OBESITY
Nonelderly adults who are Black, Hispanic, AIAN, or Native Hawaiins and Other Pacific Islanders are more likely to be obese than those who are White.
HIV & AIDS
8X
Blacks have an HIV diagnosis rate that is eight times higher than Whites...
3X
Hispanics have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis rate that is three times higher than Whites.
10X
...and an AIDS diagnosis rate that is 10 times higher.
Combined with their decreased likelihood to have health insurance, the higher prevalence rates of these conditions puts racial and ethnic minorities in the United States at greater risk for negative outcomes if they contract COVID-19.
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