COVID-19 IMPACT ON BLACKS/AFRICAN AMERICANS

COVID-19 Statistics in Colorado

- Blacks/African Americans comprise nearly 5% of COVID-19 Cases* while only representing 6.0% of the state’s population.
- Blacks/African Americans are nearly 3.5X more likely to die of COVID-19 and have the highest mortality rate from COVID-19 of 88 per 100,000 Black/African Americans.

Factors Influencing Access to Care & COVID-19

- COST: Blacks/African American Coloradans reported cost as a barrier to seeing a doctor.
- TRANSPORTATION: 19% of Black/African American Coloradans reported not getting care because of a transportation challenge.
- INSURANCE: 28% of Black/African American Coloradans say they are uninsured or not covered by Medicaid.
- MEDICAL DISTRACT: 19% is the percentage of Black/African American adults reporting being stir-crazy.

Driving Forces of Inequity

- WEALTH GAP: The median household income for Blacks/African Americans in Colorado is $44,400 — nearly $24,000 less than the state median.
- CRONIC ILLNESS: 35.3% of Black/African Americans in Colorado have high blood pressure and 33.8% have diabetes.
- COVID-19 Impact: Pre-existing conditions increase the risk for adverse outcomes if infected.
- EDUACATION GAP: Districts that serve the most students of color receive $84 less per student than other school districts.

CRIMINALIZATION

- 3.2% of Blacks/African Americans are incarcerated in Colorado compared to 0.6% Whites.
- The rate of COVID-19 in Colorado prisons is 526 times higher than Coloradans overall.

This Is Not The Full Story

Health disparities result from a wide range of systemic socio-economic factors. Policies and systems related to health care, education, child care, reproductive rights, jobs, economic security, housing and food security, transportation and criminal justice have long-term impacts on vulnerable populations. This infographic demonstrates how COVID-19 has exacerbated and shown light on how these systems and more create disparities, but how existing disparities have real-world impacts on the outcomes that racial and ethnic minorities are experiencing with COVID-19.