Health disparities, race and COVID-19 risks

As data surrounding COVID-19 continues to bring America’s health disparities into greater focus, findings show Black people are being impacted at a disproportionate rate across the country.

New York City COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 population by race*

- Black: 92.3
- Hispanic/Latino: 74.3
- White: 45.2
- Asian: 34.5

* As of April 2020

Essential work

Nearly 25% of employed Black or Hispanic workers occupy service industry jobs compared to 16% of non-Hispanic whites.

Factors influencing racial and minority group health

- Densely populated areas
- Residential segregation
- Distance from grocery stores and medical facilities
- Multigenerational households
- Stigma and systemic inequalities

More than half of CVS Health’s 1,400+ testing sites are located in counties that serve moderate to high needs communities.

Number of CVS Health Testing Store Locations by CDC SVI (By county level, as of May 2020)

- Social Vulnerability Index
  - Low: 0.0 – 0.25
  - Low to Moderate: 0.25 – 0.50
  - Moderate to High: 0.50 – 0.75
  - High: 0.75 – 1.0

Sources:
- Centers for Disease Control (cdc.org)
- City of New York (nyc.gov)
- CVS Health (cvshealth.com)
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics