

COVID-19 Racial Disparities

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A pandemic has taken over the world. Many countries, including the U.S., have experienced a large mortality rate because COVID-19 is a danger to many people. The U.S. has experienced massive changes in society in order to protect people because everyone is at risk. However, COVID-19 poses a larger threat to minorities than most other people in the United States.

There is a larger difference in the mortality rate from the virus between minorities in the U.S. than their White counterparts. The higher mortality rate in minorities is believed to be caused by the individual behavior of minorities and the service sector jobs that they are more likely to have. Minorities are more likely to abuse things like alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Because of the fact that COVID-19 is a respiratory disease, the abuse of products like alcohol, tobacco, or drugs will increase susceptibility to catching and dying from the virus. The virus also spreads quickly so the CDC recommends to maintain six feet from person to person and to wear a mask. Minorities are more likely to have to leave their homes to work in service sector jobs so they will be at a higher risk of catching the virus and dying from it.

Our community health project will provide solutions to both of these problems. First, our team will work with news stations to disseminate the statistics that minorities are more likely to catch and die from the virus. Once the problem is clear to minorities, they will look for solutions. Our team will then provide our “Virus Diet” which will decrease the likelihood of dying from the virus. The “Virus Diet” will provide the information that using things like

alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are detrimental to your chances of beating the virus if you were to catch it. Then we will begin our “Stay Home, Stay Safe” program which will provide stay at home jobs to substitute service sector jobs in order to limit the risk of catching and spreading the virus. Our team will provide jobs such as telemarketing jobs, data entry jobs, customer service jobs, and opportunities to be paid to complete surveys.

Overall, our project will provide programs that will help to stabilize the mortality rates of minorities and their caucasian counterparts to the virus. Our “Virus Diet” will yield a healthier lifestyle that will help people to defend the virus if they were to catch it and our “Stay Home, Stay Safe” program will provide minorities the opportunity to make money during the pandemic without having to leave their houses and put themselves at greater risk of catching the virus and dying from the virus. This project will keep the minority population in the U.S. safer.