Community COVID-19 Testing Final Report

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Objective of COVID-19 Testing

Leverage Journey to Better Health program to support vulnerable populations through community testing and seamless connection to resources and supports as well as to limit further transmission of the coronavirus.

Trust building efforts in the community related to public health

Mark J. DeHaven, Irby B. Hunter, Laura Wilder, James W. Walton, Jarett Berry, "Health Programs in Faith-Based Organizations: Are They Effective?", *American Journal of Public Health* 94, no. 6 (June 1, 2004): pp. 1030-1036.https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.94.6.1030

Details

- Transitioned to HCC West Garage and Howard County Fairgrounds for winter weather shelter
- 22 testing events July thru December 2020
  - Tested 5088 people
  - 3.5% positivity rate overall

Aggregated Data thru 12/19/20 (22 events)

	Overall	Negative	Positive
Total # of people tested	5088	4910 (96.5%)	178 (3.5%)
Age (Standard Deviation)	46.0 (20.4)	46.2 (20.5)	39.4 (19.0)
Race/Ethnicity, n (%)			
Non-Hispanic White	2358 (46.3)	2307 (97.8)	51 (2.2)
Non-Hispanic Black	1609 (31.6)	1553 (96.5)	56 (3.5)
Hispanic	333 (6.5)	306 (91.9)	27 (8.1)
Asian	556 (10.9)	526 (94.6)	30 (5.4)
Other	164 (3.2)	154 (93.9)	10 (6.1)
Not reported	68 (1.3)	64 (94.1)	4 (4.9)

Impact

- Increased access to testing for vulnerable populations

- Planned locations spread across Howard County

- Developed 3 new faith partnerships (Kittamaqundi Community Church, Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)

- Engaged 20+ volunteers (community and faith)

Thank you!

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