

Data Collection- National Black Church Initiative Sustainable Action Plan to Maintain the Health of the African American Community 2020-2025: COVID-19: Eradicating Underlying Disparities in Healthcare

It is critical that initiatives such as this have a strong data collection infrastructure that will help scientists answer the perplexing issues raised by the impact of the COVID-19 virus on the African American community. This initiative will focus on gathering data that will be useful to researchers in all scientific disciplines.

NBCI is putting the finish touches on a sustainable data collection structure and partners to make should we caught all critical data to answer the unknown questions and to unlock the myths of COVID-19 for the African American Community.

Given the fact that genetics seems to play a role in COVID-19 susceptibility, we look forward to engaging think tanks, independent researchers, universities, and pharmaceutical companies to discover why this is so.

One of the most intriguing questions that needs to be answered about COVID-19 is how underlying health conditions predispose people to contract the virus and how they influence its course. Finding out how cultural factors and genetic and racial factors interact with COVID-19 is at the crux of understanding the COVID-19 pathogen, so the NBCI's Clinical Strategy Initiative will compile data to help scientists do so.

One of our immediate actions will be to call together the NBCI Clinical Strategy Task Force, the NBCI COVID-19 Data and Information Committee, and major researchers from the National Medical Association and the National Hispanic Medical Association to develop outstanding data collection methodology over the next six months. We expect data collection to be ongoing during the next five years.

NBCI will only provide its plans to theirs current and future partners.