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Statements for the Minority Health Strike Force – Subcommittee for Education & Outreach Virtual Town Hall Meeting June 5, 2020 (4:00-5:30PM)

Its take time for our black people to understand what this virus is really about, they think is like a flu bug which the flu bug also kill people, but when everyone has a normal mindset is so hard for the black community to think outside of the box. I work for a Health Clinic and we are giving out information to our community that is 110% Black and maybe 30% white. Care Alliance Health Clinic will start doing Convid-19 testing so our community will maybe understand better about this virus. Its take so long for our African America people to realize that this is a serious situation, and because know dies from Covid-19 that is close in their family it's No belief. Watching it on Television and not understanding may not help them to believe either.

I think after they see the testing in their Neighborhood and it will be right at their front door and they will be able to walk up take it maybe that will be real for and they can pass word on. Sometime it take one to do it and then everyone follow. Lots of the Black population believe that this virus is cause by manmade.) We know that it soon will pass and our black people feel they will survived with taking the test and they will be Ok. Our Leaders are putting out notice within the neighborhood our smaller Health clinic are providing information to all of their patients so when they do get the material to test they are aware they can have the testing at their clinic and they go to the doctors they trust. I am a Community Coordinators I go out and engage with people to let them know what's our clinic offer and how we can help them to understand the Why and If. We just have to educated until we as a whole as black people to know that this is REAL!!! AND THIS CONVID-19 ITS HERE TO STAY. I HOPE THIS WORK.

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