



# Disparities from Covid-19 in the African American Community

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## Purpose

The goal of this study is to discover the concerns of African American men & women from the ages of 18 or older at Austin Peay State University and in the Clarksville, TN area. COVID-19, as with most health disparities has disproportionately affected African Americans.

## Demographic

The target Demographic for this project is African American men and women who are eighteen years or older from any Socioeconomic background who live in Clarksville Tn or attend Austin Peay State University. If a participant does not meet these criteria, they will not be excluded if they would like to participate. However, anyone under the age of eighteen will not be allowed to participate in the project.

## Methods

To get awareness out to participants of the listening sessions, A flyer was created which was posted on the Social media stories of the Govs Programming council & Fraternity and Sorority affairs. Once participants qualified under the restrictions set on the research, the listening sessions” were conducted in a Zoom call. To gather the individuals to take part in this research, five different listening session were held of about ten people each to come to a grand total of forty-six individuals.

The listening sessions were transcribed to keep track of the results for this study.

All participants were informed that through this study no identifying information would be collected in a conscious effort to get responses from participant in an attempt to prevent participants from being afraid to share their true thoughts.

## Outcome

The outcomes of this project are as follows:

- 1)Forty-six men & women shared their opinions regarding the COVID-19 listening session questions and how their community is affected by the disparities of Covid-19.
- 2) Of the forty-six participants who contributed forty-three qualified under the restrictions placed at the beginning of this study.
- 3) Forty-three of the participants lived in Clarksville, Tn or attended Austin Peay as a student
- 4) Less than 1% percent of the participants reported they had received their first dose of the Covid – 19 vaccine
- 5) Only 26% of participants said they would receive the vaccine if it was available to them

## Student’s Lesson Learned

Lessons learned from this project are:

- 1) Community Partners advertising helped me gain a larger audience for my research
- 2) Voluntary research is more difficult then if you were to find your subjects for the research
- 3) Participants are less likely to join in the study I performed without receiving something in return for their time
- 4)African American men and women participants are wary of the vaccine and most are not willing to take it after it becomes available
- 5)A large Majority of the participants get the flu shot but are not willing to receive the Covid – 19 vaccine

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