



COVID-19 and the Effect on Low-Income Families

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PURPOSE

The aim of this study is to get an understanding and feel on how low-income families are coping with COVID-19, work, and school.

DEMOGRAPHIC

The target demographic for this project is low-income families whose children are attending virtual/and or brick and mortar schools in Nashville, Tennessee.



METHODS

To seek participants for the listening sessions I approached three families whose children are doing virtual learning/ and or brick and mortar. I contacted Facebook friends who live in Nashville, Tennessee. Utilizing Facebook messenger video call I was able to record participants. Each session was about 10 minutes long with six questions each. After each session, the recordings were transcribed.

OUTCOMES

The outcomes of this project are as follows:

- Most parents oppose the vaccine due to lack of knowledge and fear of the COVID-19 vaccine side effects.
- 2 out of 3 parents were fearful sending their kids back to school.
- 10% of the parents that were business owners suffered and lost income due to COVID-19
- Zero parents had any difficulties with communication with teachers during Virtual learning.
- 3 out 3 parents sent kids back to school due to issues with work.
- 1 out of 3 parents don't think the COVID vaccine is going to work effectively.

STUDENT LESSONS LEARNED

Lessons learned from this project are:

- Three out of three of families had a difficult time with online learning and having to work during the pandemic.
- Most African American families are against the COVID-19 vaccine because of fear of side effects.
- Ongoing research is crucial to disseminating ethical, peer reviewed information for strategies.

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