



# The Reactions of African American Women to Covid-19

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of this project is to visually capture how African American women ages 18-22 years old on the college campus of East Tennessee State University have been coping during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Covid-19 Pandemic has altered the social, physical, and mental mindset of the African American women ages 18-22 in the Johnson City, Tennessee community.

## DEMOGRAPHIC

The target demographic for this project is African American women on the campus of East Tennessee State University ages 18-22 years old from any socioeconomic background. The target demographic was picked to represent the diversity in the community of Johnson City, Tennessee.

## METHODS

The methods for this project was to select a group of 30 African American women ages 18-22 years old within the demographics at East Tennessee State University and take a glimpse into their lives by asking them to take part in an online survey while also gathering visual research.

The online survey was done in order to get feedback and responses from African American women on the college campus of East Tennessee State University. In order to gather participants to fill out the survey, women that fit the demographics from East Tennessee State University's Multicultural Center and East Tennessee State Athletics were sent an email to participate in the survey through a link.

There were a total of 30 African American women ages 18-22 years old who completed the survey. The survey was comprised of 11 questions that asked how the Covid-19 Pandemic has affected their financial, physical, social, and mental lifestyles.

After conducting, the survey and getting the proper feedback from the community in Johnson City, Tennessee the visual research took place.

The visual research was gathered on the college campus of East Tennessee State University in student lounges, campus buildings, and a Covid-19 testing center.

## STUDENT LESSONS LEARNED

Lessons learned from this project are:

- 1) The participants all agreed that Covid-19 has changed their daily routines and overall lifestyle in some aspect.
- 2) African American women ages 18-22 years old in Johnson City, Tennessee are interested in receiving a Covid-19 Vaccine.

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## OUTCOMES

The outcomes of this project are as follows:

- 1) From a scale of 1-10, with ten being the highest possible answer the average mental health status during the pandemic for the individuals surveyed was a score of four (4).
- 2) Since the Covid-19 Pandemic started, thirty-eight (38) percent of the individuals who completed the survey had to start working a new job.
- 3) Out of thirty (30) individuals who completed the survey, twenty-four (24) of the individuals agreed that Covid-19 has decreased their interest in academics.

