



## **THE WORLD INTO WHICH COVID-19 EMERGED**

**Black people are so tired.**

**We can't go jogging (#AmaudArbery).**

**We can't relax in the comfort of our own homes (#BothemSean and #AtatianaJefferson).**

**We can't ask for help after being in a car crash (#JonathanFerrell and #RenishaMcBride).**

**We can't have a cellphone (#StephonClark).**

**We can't leave a party to get to safety (#JordanEdwards).**

**We can't play loud music (#JordanDavis).**

**We can't sell CD's (#AltonSterling).**

**We can't sleep (#AiyanaJones)**

**We can't walk from the corner store (#MikeBrown).**

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**We can't be a 10yr old walking with our grandfather (#CliffordGlover).**

**We can't decorate for a party (#ClaudeReese).**

**We can't ask a cop a question (#RandyEvans).**

**We can't cash our check in peace (#YvonneSmallwood).**

**We can't take out our wallet (#AmadouDiallo).**

**We can't run (#WalterScott).**

**We can't breathe (#EricGarner).**

**We can't live (#FreddieGray).**

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**We can't play cops and robbers (#TamirRice).**

**We can't go to church (#Charleston9).**

**We can't walk home with Skittles (#TrayvonMartin).**

**We can't hold a hair brush while leaving our own bachelor party (#SeanBell).**

**We can't party on New Years (#OscarGrant).**

**We can't get a normal traffic ticket (#SandraBland).**

**We can't lawfully carry a weapon (#PhilandoCastile).**

**We can't break down on a public road with car problems (#CoreyJones).**

**We can't shop at Walmart (#JohnCrawford).**

**We can't have a disabled vehicle (#TerrenceCrutcher).**

**We can't read a book in our own car (#KeithScott).**

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**We're tired.**

**Tired of making hashtags.**

**Tired of trying to convince you that our #BlackLivesMatter too.**

**Tired of dying.**

**Tired.**

**Tired.**

**Tired.**

**So very tired.**

**In the U.S., blacks are more likely than whites to suffer from chronic diseases that increase the risk of mortality from COVID-19.**

Diseased population age 18 and over, in 2018

■ African American ■ White

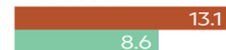
### Obesity



### Hypertension



### Diabetes



### Asthma



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***"A long history of experimentation, exploitation and mistreatment has left many African-Americans deeply suspicious of the medical establishment." - NY Times***

***"Where we live, learn, work, and play affects our health." - CDC***

***"...a system that penalizes on the basis of comorbidities will undoubtedly and unfairly penalize the populations that are already more vulnerable to those conditions." - NPR***

***Decades of research shows that black patients receive inferior medical care to white patients. Marginalized and minoritized patients have and will suffer disproportionately during the COVID-19 crisis. - AMA***

**The New York Times**

***Questions of Bias in  
Covid-19 Treatment Add  
to the Mourning for  
Black Families***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised health professionals to be on the lookout for medical bias.

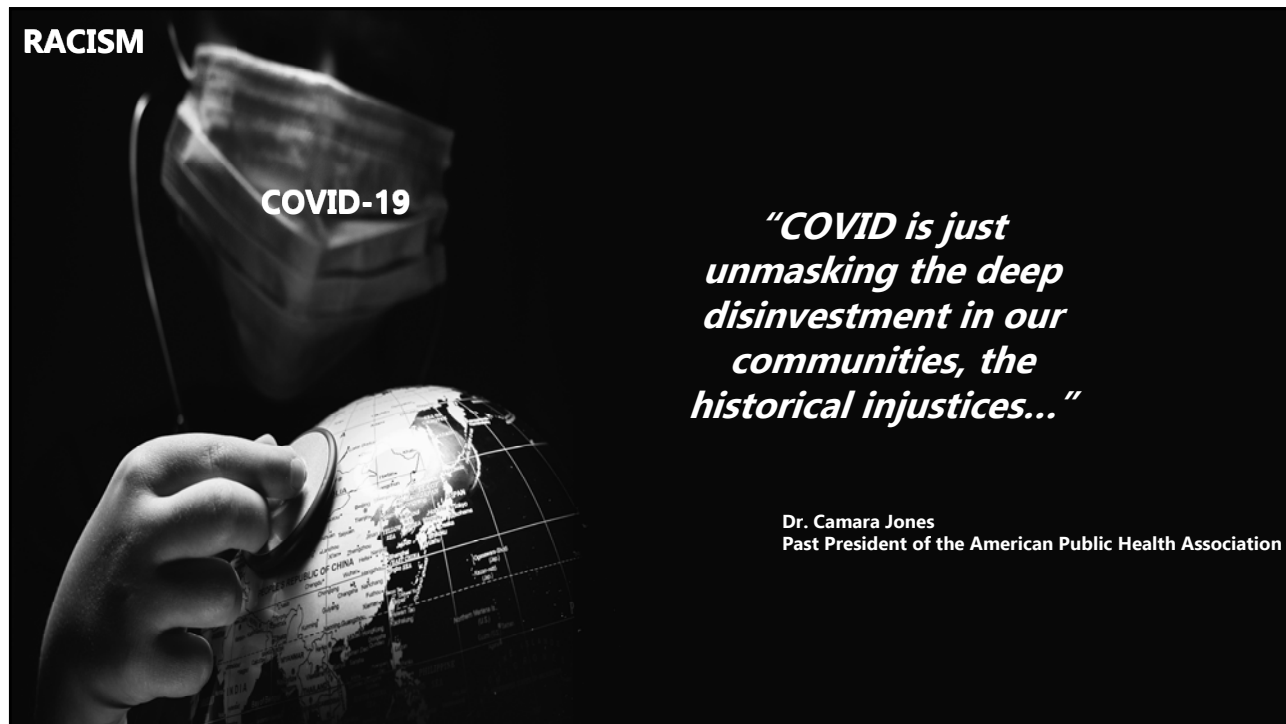


THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

Opinion: U.S. Must Avoid Building Racial Bias Into COVID-19 Emergency Guidance



Black communities account for disproportionate number of Covid-19 deaths in the US, study finds



## **PAST ISSUES BEING UNMASKED**

- Poverty**
- Disproportionate levels of disparities in health**
- Poor access to medical care**
- Police brutality**

***“For us, death is not new, but death at this magnitude is something that we’ve not seen before.”***

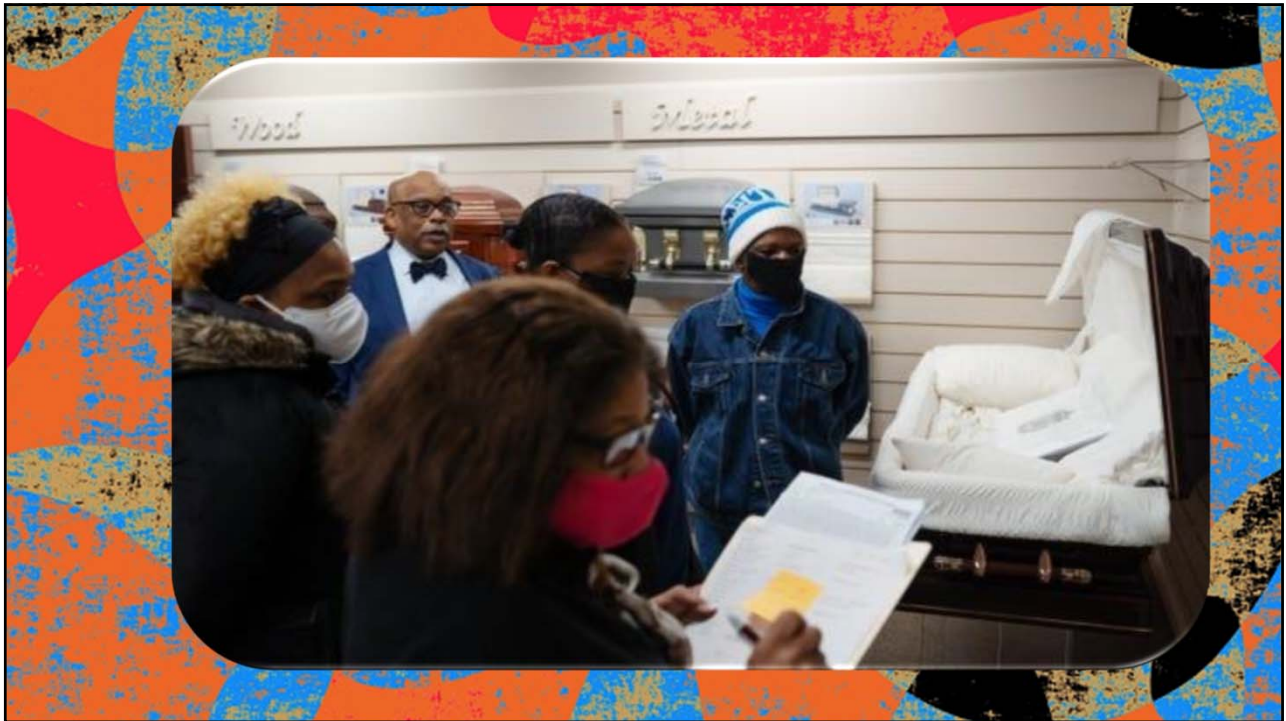
**Pastor QuanTez Pressly | Lead Pastor, Third New Hope Baptist Church (Detroit, MI)  
LA Times, May 12, 2020**

## **COVID-19 RISK FACTORS**

- WHAT ARE THEY?**
  
- WHAT IS THEIR IMPACT ON THE PANDEMIC-RELATED GRIEF EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS?**

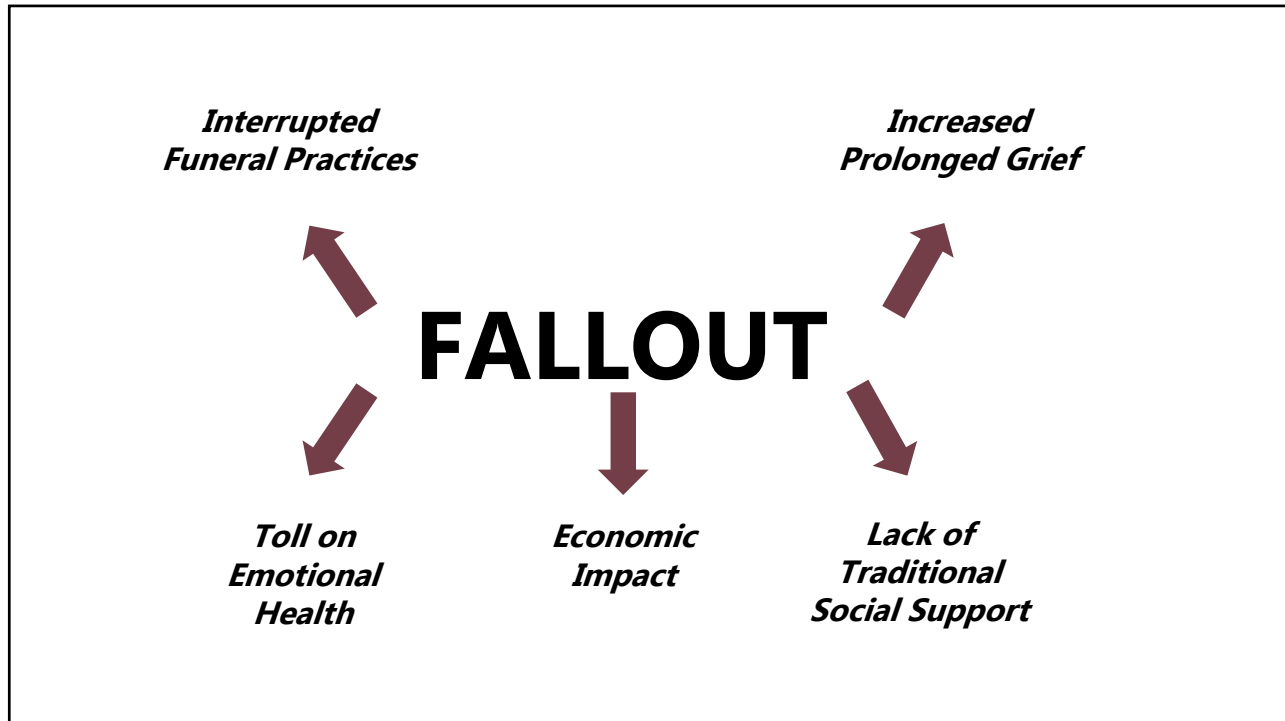












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