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Sent: 5/30/2020 7:29:10 PM
To: Pauley, Scott (CDC/OD/OADC) [REDACTED]
CC: Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA) [REDACTED]; Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA) [REDACTED]; Caputo, Michael (HHS/ASPA) [REDACTED]; OS - Interviews [REDACTED]; Robinson, Michael J (HHS/ASPA) [REDACTED]; CDC OADC ASPA Clearance [REDACTED]; Hensley, Gordon (HHS/ASPA) [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: CDC Proactive Statement: COVID-NET racial/ethnic hospitalization data

Thanks Ryan you are so right and I agree.

Here is the issue: if the communication is left with just the statement that minority groups are at higher risk then on its face this is very accurate, however, in this election cycle that is the kind of statement coming from CDC that the media and Democrat antagonists will use against the president. They are already doing it and accusing him directly of the deaths in the African American community from COVID. This is very wrong for those deaths have more to do with socioeconomic status and each time we talk about these deaths we need to tell the nation why these deaths happened. This was due to decades of democrat neglect, case in point New York.

To me, at this point any mention, given they are trying to tear this president down, is to contextualize the issue and explain to the nation constantly why this has happened and how the president's economic policies for minorities is the only way out. COVID has exploited socio-economic status.

I am very grateful at the opportunity to be part of this team and this critical discussion.

Paul

Sent from my iPhone

On May 30, 2020, at 12:34 PM, Pauley, Scott (CDC/OD/OADC) [REDACTED] wrote:

Not yet.

Thank you,
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Subject: RE: CDC Proactive Statement: COVID-NET racial/ethnic hospitalization data

Hey Paul – I shot you a note on the other chain as well. I think we keep with the already cleared CDC statement for now, but very much appreciate your insight and input on this.

Scott – have you all received any inquiries on this yet?

Thanks,
Ryan

From: Alexander, Paul (HHS/ASPA) (VOL) [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 1:02 AM

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[REDACTED] CDC OADC ASPA Clearance [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: CDC Proactive Statement: COVID-NET racial/ethnic hospitalization data

Hi, good night, please see suggested edits, if it may help.

I tried to explain a bit more on the potential reasons for the inequality in burden and a suggestion for a study.

For your consideration.

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Subject: RE: CDC Proactive Statement: COVID-NET racial/ethnic hospitalization data

Scott is this different from the one you sent as final a short while ago? Language looks the same.

From: Pauley, Scott (CDC/OD/OADC) [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: CDC Proactive Statement: COVID-NET racial/ethnic hospitalization data

Bill, here is the final clean version with our accepted and addressed edits from OGC as well.

Thank you.

From: Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA) [REDACTED]
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Scott...Please hold on sending this out.

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On May 29, 2020, at 2:13 PM, Pauley, Scott (CDC/OD/OADC) [REDACTED] wrote:

Agency/Office: CDC

Subject: CDC publishing age-adjusted rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations by race and ethnicity for first time

Material: Draft proactive statement

Deadline for comments: ASAP

Planned release date: Thursday, May 28

Driving event: Data release today

Proposed Statement:

Today, CDC is publishing age-adjusted rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations by race and ethnicity for the first time. This information is critical to identifying and addressing the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the health of racial and ethnic minority populations. This is also the first time CDC is releasing hospitalization data for American Indian/Alaska Native and Asian/Pacific Islander populations. The results reveal some racial and ethnic minority populations are hospitalized at higher rates compared to the non-Hispanic White population. Specifically, Non-Hispanic Black and non-Hispanic

American Indian/Alaska Native populations have hospitalization rates approximately 4.5 times that of the non-Hispanic White population, while the Hispanic/Latino population has a rate approximately 3.5 times that of the Non-Hispanic White population.

COVID-NET, CDC's population-based surveillance system that collects data on laboratory-confirmed COVID-19-associated hospitalizations, now has data on race and ethnicity from more than 80 percent of the reported cases, enabling calculation of these age-adjusted hospitalization rates. That means these hospitalization rates are adjusted to account for differences in age distributions within race and ethnicity groups, whereas previously released COVID-NET data on race and ethnicity was limited to proportions. This information will be provided every Friday going forward in COVID-View, CDC's weekly COVID-19 surveillance report.

This data supports evidence that COVID-19 places a higher burden on some racial and ethnic minority populations. A priority aspect of CDC's pandemic response includes improving the quality and availability of these data to help drive health equity. This new information, as well as other ongoing research, will improve understanding of the causes of COVID-19 disparities by race and ethnicity and will inform strategies to improve health and health outcomes in communities of color.

Thank you,
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