

Black Health Equity Coalition Launches Survey for Maryland County

Frederick County residents are encouraged to take the comprehensive survey to ensure a healthier future.

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The Black Health Equity Coalition of Frederick recently launched its first [comprehensive Black health survey](#) for residents of Frederick County, Maryland, according to [The Frederick News-Post](#).

Earlier this year, the Black Health Equity Coalition of Frederick [received \\$153,000 in grants](#) to drive new initiatives, including the first comprehensive Black health survey and other trainings and programs. In addition, the coalition received \$128,000 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Foundation last year to continue efforts to eliminate health disparities in the Black community.

In 2020, Black men in Maryland had the lowest life expectancy, at 71.8 years, of the demographic groups measured; white men by comparison had a life expectancy of 77.1 years, according to [Maryland Matters](#). What's more, the leading cause of death in the state was [heart disease](#), which disproportionately impacts Black folks.

The survey asks questions related to economic, financial, mental and physical health, according to the News-Post. The [survey will be available](#) until September 15.

“By understanding these needs, we can better advocate for necessary changes and improvements in health services, policies and community support,” Black Equity said in the [Coalition for a Healthier Frederick County's](#) community health updates newsletter.

Founded in 2023, the [Black Health Equity Coalition of Frederick](#) prioritizes health and wellness in the Frederick community. The coalition comprises nine dedicated local organizers: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Chi Theta Omega Chapter, Asbury United Methodist Church, BlackFrederick.com, Black Mamas Building Bridges, Frederick County Health Dept., Keep Still

The coalition and its partners advocate for Black maternal health, mental health in young people, primary care provider utilization and more.

“Black Equity’s initiatives are a driving force for health equity, aligning with broader national goals and local agendas,” said Danielle Haskin, director of the Equity Office for the Frederick County Health Department, according to [Out40, a Frederick-based blog](#). “Their unique insights are key to health improvements addressing longstanding disparities and ensuring intentional inclusion. This commitment extends beyond the Black community, promising a healthier future for the entire county.”

To read more, click [#Health Equity](#). There, you’ll find headlines such as “[Doctors Urge Congress to Improve Black Maternal Mortality Rates](#),” “[Heart Attack Incidence Still High Among Women and Blacks Despite Overall Decrease](#)” and “[Commonwealth Report Highlights U.S. Health Disparities](#).”