



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Report on Crisis Preparation

*Recommendations to Better Protect our Vulnerable Populations
and Prepare our Programs in Times of Crises*

Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee

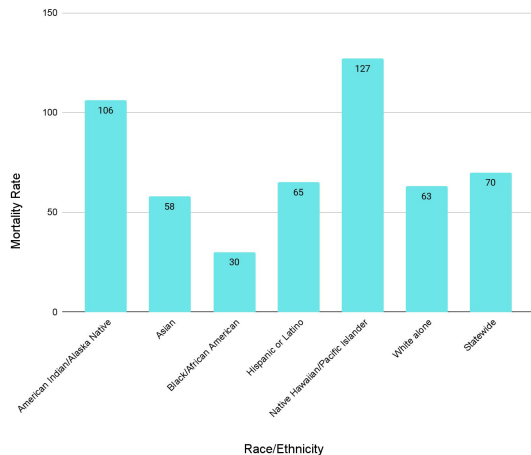
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Disparities Exacerbated by COVID-19

COVID-19 exacerbated existing health disparities, while also creating new ones

Racial and Ethnic COVID-19 Mortality Rate/100,000 Population



Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders have the **highest mortality rates**, followed by American Indians

3x

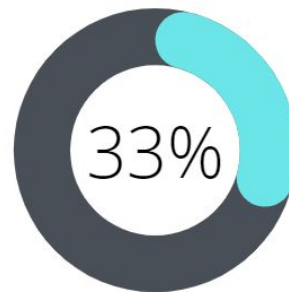
The mortality rates compared to the national average for **people with intellectual and developmental disabilities**



40% of people hospitalized had an underlying condition



Increase in those **experiencing homelessness** from 2019 to 2020



Of all confirmed COVID-19 deaths are attributed to **LTCFs**

Funding Priorities Targeting Vulnerable Populations for Current and Future Times of Crises



State pandemic response

Current funding need to sustain testing response

Ongoing funding needs for general response activities after existing federal grants end July 31, 2023



- Staff and supplies for hotspot response, contact tracing, mobile / wastewater testing
- Coordination and monitoring of grants and contracts

Local health district pandemic response

Extend contracts to continue COVID response activities

Increase capacity for LTCF outbreak response



- Expand coverage of Community Health Workers
- Support contact tracing, vaccine administration and public information

Vulnerable populations

Funding to extend public information and outreach

Funding to extend translation services

Wrap-around services



- Address COVID-19-related health disparities
- Increase capacity to contain COVID-19 spread among vulnerable populations

APPENDIX

QUESTIONS

You have a long list of funding needs in your report.
What are your top three highest priorities?

As outlined in this presentation:

1. State pandemic response
2. LHD pandemic response
3. Vulnerable populations: outreach, translation, wrap-around services