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## Background

Prince George's County, Maryland is a majority-minority county in the metropolitan Washington DC area; 62% of the population is African American/Black, and 20% is Latino. Historically, underserved communities in the county face health disparities in HIV, chronic diseases, infant mortality, and unequal access to health care services. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the county led Maryland in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

## Goal

COVID-19 response strategies created inequity in access and care for Black and Latino Americans that can be seen in disproportionate hospitalizations and vaccination rates. The national CommuniVax project worked in real time to collect and amplify solutions to the inequities.

## Objectives

We aimed to 1) utilize an ongoing environmental scan process to identify existing community resources and gaps in resources, 2) understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for residents of underserved communities through interviews and focus groups, particularly among the Black/African American population, and 3) leverage the research findings to inform policymakers about practical actions to address community health needs, and to reimagine a sustainable community health system over the next decade

Figure 1. Participants' zip code of residence

