



California Covid Justice

RECOVERY, RESPONSE & REPAIR

California COVID Justice: Recovery, Response & Repair is a coordinated public health response to COVID-19 and the deep-rooted inequities it has laid bare. Black, Brown, and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) have long suffered adverse health outcomes due to oppression and underinvestment. These conditions led the same communities to contract and die from COVID-19 at higher rates, while also suffering greater economic impacts.

Led by a coalition of public health leaders, California COVID Justice works to dismantle the systems and structures that have put historically underinvested communities and people of color at risk. By advocating for needed policies, programs, and resources, we help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, respond to health and economic disparities and repair the damage caused by systemic racism and oppression.

The initiative's priorities and strategies are informed by a Steering Committee of public health and health equity leaders. The committee members partner with Public Health Advocates to advocate for effective policy solutions and build statewide support.

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Address racial disparities statewide by creating a racial and cultural equity framework for the allocation of state and local government funding
- Strengthen public health infrastructure by increasing funding and resources for public health departments and BIPOC-led community-based organizations
- Increase the supply of adequate, affordable housing with support services and expand rent relief programs to solve California's growing homelessness crisis
- Provide direct economic support to individuals and families in need through approaches such as guaranteed income and reparations
- Use COVID relief funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to support the most critical needs of underinvested communities and build an equitable recovery

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