

GENESEE COUNTY & FLINT HEALTH EQUITY BRIEF

AS OF DECEMBER 4, 2020

- Holiday **gatherings worsen COVID spread, burden systems & threaten Racial Disparity** progress
- COVID-19 **rates are increasing**, Genesee County is outpacing Flint in rate of infection
- **Emerging outbreaks** are in Grand Blanc, Fenton, Flushing, and southwest Flint

What the numbers say:

Progress on Racial Disparities in Flint

March:

African Americans
over 7 times more
likely for COVID

July - October:

Racial disparities
eliminated!

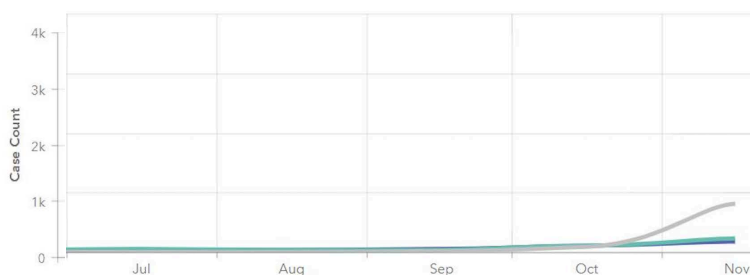
November:

Racial disparities are
trending upward

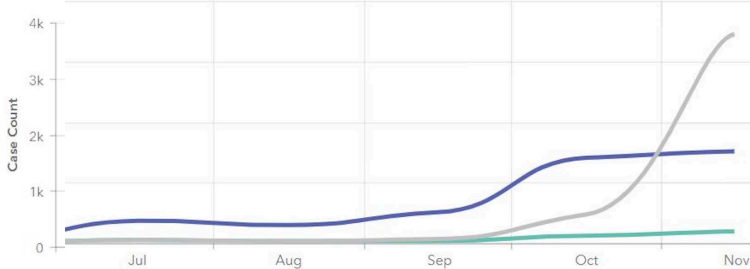
Infection Rates

● African American ● Caucasian or Other ● Unknown*

Flint



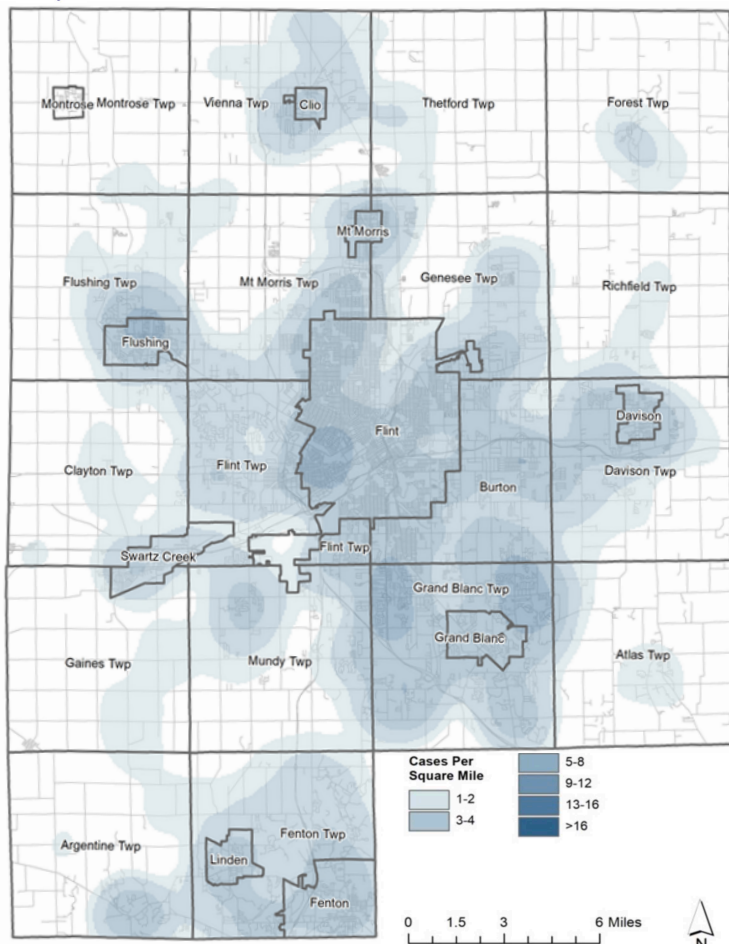
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*Rapid increase in testing impeded immediate ability to report data stratified by race



Geographic Spread: October 2020



Recommendations



Encourage **safe Social Pods** (group of individuals who agree to limit activities and practice social distancing with those outside of the pod)



Continue **barrier-free testing** (e.g., no cost, no insurance, no restrictions)



Advocate for additional resources and funding to **reinforce capacity** of local public health systems



Consider **community level interventions** to hinder spread (e.g., curfews, enforce punitive measurements for non-compliant businesses)

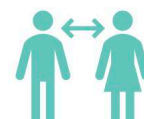
The 3 W's



WASH YOUR HANDS



WEAR YOUR MASK



WATCH YOUR DISTANCE

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