COVID-19

GENESEE COUNTY & FLINT HEALTH EQUITY BRIEF

AS OF DECEMBER 11, 2020

- Rapid COVID spread continues throughout Genesee County, outpacing Flint in rate of infection
- Cases of unknown race persist due to the volume of daily testing in Genesee County and Flint
- As racial disparities begin to trend upward, equitable health care access is critical

Current trends:

Geographic Spread in Genesee County

October

November

Recommendations

- Continued support for local federally qualified health centers to address racial disparities in Flint (e.g., incentives, promotion, testing, treatment)
- Safeguard policies that promote equitable care, including eliminating cost sharing for Medicaid enrollees and sustaining telehealth services
- Continue COVID education, prevention, and sanitation in public and community settings
- Advocate for additional resources to determine the full impact of holiday gatherings on racial disparities and community spread

Total Cases by Race

Flint

African American 57.89%
Unknown 14.2%
Caucasian 27.19%

Genesee County

Unknown 16.84%
African American 12.20%
Caucasian 70.87%

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