Baltimore Residents’ Views About COVID-19 Testing

Project Goal: Listen to community members and learn about their views on COVID-19 testing.

What We Did

Interviewed 63 People

Groups
- Black or African American
- Spanish speakers
- Older adults (65+)
- Lower COVID-19 health literacy
- People with chronic conditions
- Lived with someone who was COVID-19 positive

How We Did It

Community Partners Invited Groups

- Used flyers to inform and enroll groups
- Talked to people on Zoom
- Reviewed notes from our talks on Zoom
- Analyzed results

What We Learned

Testing helps...
- Relieve confusion
- Keep us safe
- Start treatment early
- Protect family and friends

Sharing testing information is okay if...
- It helps others
- Personal information is private
- Process for sharing is clear and open
- People give consent

Views on Testing
- People did not like having to take multiple tests
  - Nasal swab: not pleasant
  - Lack of transportation to get to test
  - Loss of income
  - Fear of getting COVID-19

Why It Matters

Hearing and Understanding
- Better Communication
- Addressing Community Concerns

Can Renew Trust in COVID-19 testing

Renewed trust leads to more people getting tested

Getting tested for COVID-19 may help protect you and your loved ones

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