The FDA One Health Initiative

We want to find and look at COVID-19 data. We want to know what the public thinks about COVID-19 and what it does to their pets and their environment. We are currently looking at information from the Advisory Committee, social media comments, and other FDA data about One Health. The information we learn from this study would be the basis for our focus groups. We will also test different messages to see if the public understands our research results.

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**Baltimore Residents’ Views About COVID-19 Testing**

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**What We Did**

- Interviewed 63 people
- Interviewed 6 groups of adults
  - 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 was not pleasant
  - Lack of time to get tested
  - Loss of money to get tested
  - Fear of COVID-19

**Why It Matters**

- Better Communication
- Addressing Community Concerns
- 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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