

# COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND HEALTH DISPARITIES IN MISSOURI



## STATISTICS

Black Americans are hospitalized at  
**4.7X HIGHER RATE**  
 and die at a  
**2.1X HIGHER RATE**  
 from COVID<sup>1</sup>

Hispanic or Latino persons are hospitalized at  
**4.6X HIGHER RATE**  
 and die at a  
**1.1X HIGHER RATE**  
 from COVID<sup>1</sup>

Minority Missourians have historically higher rates of **diabetes, cancer, kidney disease and heart disease.**<sup>2</sup>

All of these conditions are considered high risk for **severe illness** from **COVID-19.**<sup>3</sup>



## ALISSIA'S VISION

- Canady is committed to ensuring every Missourian is able to receive quality and affordable healthcare when they need it. With greater access to these services comes better outcomes, such as reduced infant mortality rates. Canady will advocate for a holistic approach that includes environmental justice to achieve a fair system for Missourians once and for all.
- With the passing of Amendment 2 on August 4, Missourians have made their stance on Medicaid expansion clear. Canady believes this is a step in the right direction and shows that voters are willing to unite across party lines to create a more equitable healthcare system.



It didn't have to be this way – that is why I am running for Lieutenant Governor. But the challenge we face as a people is rooted far deeper than a failure in leadership to protect Missourians from COVID-19. It is incumbent upon us to ensure quality, affordable healthcare for all that protects against long-standing diseases like diabetes and cancer – and break the cycle of health disparities for the next generation.

**Alissia Canady**



Source:

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/investigations-discovery/hospitalization-death-by-race-ethnicity.html>

2. <https://mffh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/13AfrAmDisparities.pdf>

3. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>