DATA FOR BLACK LIVES MOVEMENT ROUNDTABLE: COMMUNITY RESPONSES TO COVID-19

WELCOME + PULSE CHECK — Yeshi Milner

Loss of life has become normalized in Black communities:

Our future survival depends on our ability to make bold demands.

Race on its own is not a risk factor: Racism is.

Racism = a technology in deciding who lives or dies.

Making this moment about more than temporary aid.

Folks who passed away from COVID-19 are in the realm of ancestors now.

Their deaths will not be in vain.

A timeline of:

- Structural racism + precarity — Zinni Bailey
- Exposure to COVID-19
- Unequal access to testing
- Limited surveillance + under-reporting
- "Silent epidemics"
- Treatment + survival
- Long-term impacts

More at iHPS.org
**Structural and Social Determinants of Black Health**

Dr. Irene Headen

Black communities are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 among states collecting and reporting data by race (many states do not!)

- **News coverage misses nuance:**
  - Racism is the root cause of health disparities
  - Access to care
  - Quality of care

- **Systems lens**

- **Racialized responses to COVID-19**
  - Dominique Day
  - Politicians
  - Physicians
  - Policy makers
  - Police
  - Stress and lack of sleep can impair decision making
  - Police

- **These risks can and should be mitigated**

- **On the ground: ATX with Measure**
  - Meme styles
  - Funding disparities from philanthropies
  - Nonprofits like MEASURE have to pivot to meet community needs
  - 1. Launched community feedback survey
  - 2. Direct service to black girls who are incarcerated
  - 2020 Innocence Initiative

- **What do we need to do to make decarceration the new normal?**

More at measureaustin.org
ON THE GROUND: ATL DABL hub leaders

Lisa Clinton, Michelle Wilson, Courtni Andrews + Nchedo Ezeokoli

Community is so important right now.

Act from a place of Abundance, not scarcity.

Formerly Incarcerated People Need:
- A seat at the table
- Support in leadership
- Trauma-informed attention

People power must come from compassion and humanity at the intersections.

Listen with mind + heart.

Meet people where they are at.

Mutual aid is beautiful.

Mutual aid networks are a form of public health infrastructure. Redistribute wealth.

Practice compassion, not just transactions.

Building relationships + trust.

Yield if you have power, get out of the way.

Amplify ongoing work + don't reinvent the wheel.

Build bridges.

Focus on the people directly impacted + uplift their voices.

Push for accurate reporting + recording that doesn't weaponize data.

Challenge the power dynamics of funding.

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Next steps + calls to action

This is just the beginning.