

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

Organized by

6

Groups of Adults

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 to get to test



Loss of



Fear of



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