



HBCU Response to COVID-19

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Let's Discuss

- Challenges
- Myths
- Possible Solutions

I polled some of my peers about their school's response to COVID-19.

Schools that responded:

- Clark Atlanta University n=8
- Morehouse College n=4
- Spelman College n=1
- Southern University n=1
- Bethune Cookman University n=1
- Florida A&M n=1



CHALLENGES

- Large class sizes and small spaces ->gives more opportunity for cases to increase
- No communication on the current covid cases on campus ->students feel excluded, would like to stay informed
- No social distancing & everyone does not wear their mask ->security does not enforce it
- Uncertainty of situation causes anxiety -> feelings of hopelessness
- The sanitation rules should be brought to students' attention -> students are unaware of the protocol
- Not enough safety measures provided (hand sanitizer, masks, etc.) -> runs out around campus
- Gloves are not enforced in the café -> vulnerable and shared spaces should require them



QUESTIONS

Do you have any concerns about your health while on campus?

42% said yes 58% said no

Did your school the enforce the vaccine? Ex: Drop classes & not offer online classes to unvaccinated students.

53% said no



MYTHS

- Being fully vaccinated means you do not have to wear a mask or social distance.
- You cannot infect others if you are fully vaccinated
- Vaccines can make you sick
- The vaccine will be used to microchip people
- Natural immunity is better than vaccine immunity
- You cannot infect others if you are fully vaccinated
- The vaccine has not been tested enough



POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- ACCURATE weekly testing -> sending false notifications
- Masks requirement everywhere on campus -> not just on the main campus
- Improve contact tracing for those who get infected -> no follow up after positive test
- Adhering to guidelines that were first introduced -> no performative action
- Healthier meal plans to boost the immune system -> food is not that healthy
- Require the vaccine -> not all schools made it mandatory
- Let people choose whether they would like to get vaccinated
- Go virtual -> online classes not offered in all schools
- Opening more sections per class -> to limit the number of students per classroom
- Communication/transparency with students -> newsletter/weekly reports
- Add wipes in the cafeteria
- More hand sanitizer/masks available
- Timely announcements -> students receive updates at 12 AM
- Signs should be placed by high-touch areas -> to decrease touch frequency



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Rapid COVID-19 testing
- Vaccines available
- Cleanliness of campus
- Emergency funding for students in need





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Thank you all for your time.

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