Addressing health inequities across Orange County by enabling system change.
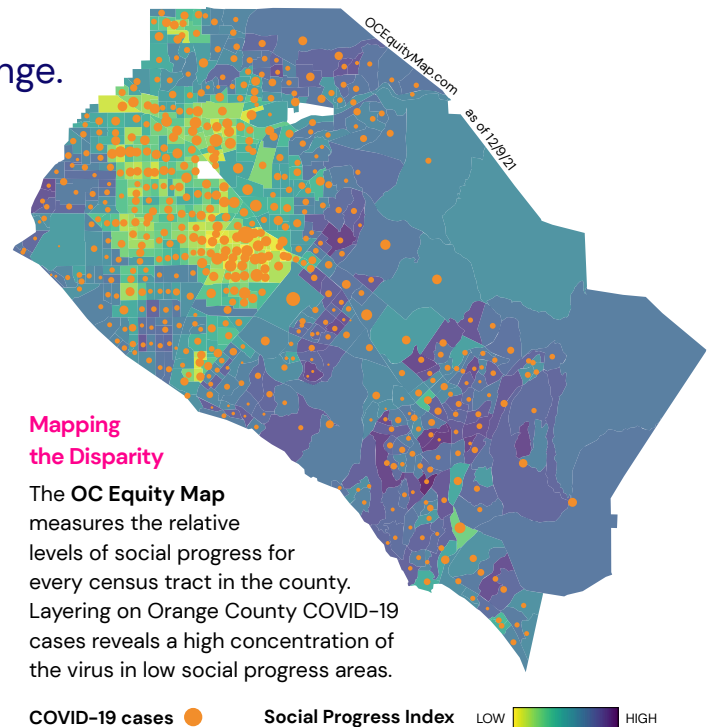
THE CASE FOR EQUITY

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed deep rooted gaps in Orange County (OC) caused by underlying health inequities and disparities.

- Almost 90% of total COVID-19 deaths were adults aged 55 and older, despite being ~28% of the OC population
- Latinos experienced the highest percentage of cases among all races/ethnic group
- During peak months of the pandemic, higher case and death incidence were reported in north/central regions of the county

Orange County at a Glance (2010 Census data)

3.2m residents	8% below poverty	10% uninsured
35% Latino	21% Asian	2% Black

Mapping the Disparity

The **OC Equity Map** measures the relative levels of social progress for every census tract in the county. Layering on Orange County COVID-19 cases reveals a high concentration of the virus in low social progress areas.

COVID-19 cases ●   Social Progress Index   LOW ▬▬▬ HIGH

OCEquityMap.com   as of 12/9/21

EMBRACING THE OPPORTUNITY

Provided with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Health Equity grant, we aim to provide quality health for everyone in the OC community. Here's how:

1. Expand existing and/or develop new prevention resources for underserved and underrepresented populations
2. Build, leverage, and expand the capacity and infrastructure of the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) and its partners
3. Increase or improve data collection, reporting, and capability
4. Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address **social determinants of health (SDoH)**

Equity in OC Guiding Principles

Along with community partners, the HCA is launching the Equity in OC Initiative with the following guiding principles:

Community and Data Driven
Facilitate collaboration with public and private stakeholders to generate collective action

Address SDoH
Work with community to identify and prioritize key SDoH action areas

Equitable Participation
Make participation possible for all stakeholders, including non-traditional and small groups

Collective Capacity
Create capacity across OC and population segments impacted by health inequities

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Equity in OC engages a cross-sector coalition through the following activities and equitable funding opportunities.

Activities

- Equity in OC Taskforce
- SDoH Action and Learning Communities
- Population Health Equity Collectives

Community Equity Funding Opportunities

- Participation grants for community organizations
- Community member participation honoraria (for individuals)
- Population health equity collective grants (API, Black, LGBTQ+, Latino, Individuals with Disabilities, Older Adults)
- SDoH Action Area Implementation Grants

JOIN THE EQUITY MOVEMENT IN ORANGE COUNTY!

For info on how to get involved, contact the HCA Office of Population Health and Equity at **OPHE@ochca.com**.

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