

## Health System News

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### **Community-wide Town Hall Series on COVID-19 and Racism**

Racism has informed the detrimental outcomes seen in nearly every aspect of life—including economics, education, health and health care, the justice system, and more—for people of color, and Black people in particular. We are facing an unprecedented moment in history. In the midst of weathering a global pandemic, we are witnesses to a reinvigorated revolutionary movement. Both of these events have one thing in common: they have been spurred on by systemic racism.

The Institute for Health Equity Research and the Office of Gender Equity at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai have been collaborating with dozens of community-based organizations. Together, we are hosting a series of meetings focused on different topics related to COVID-19 and racism.

The first community-wide town hall meeting's topic is "Mental Health and COVID-19: How Racism Impacts Mental Health in Black and Brown Communities." This free, public event will be held on Tuesday, July 28, from 6 to 7 pm EDT via Zoom. Our esteemed speakers are:

- Mindy Fullilove, MD, Professor of Urban Policy and Health, The New School
- Reverend Zorina Costello, MS, DMin, Director of Community Engagement, Center for Spirituality and Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
- K. Torian Easterling, MPH, MD, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Health Equity

[Click here](#) to RSVP. We hope that you join us and spread the word about this conversation.

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