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**ABC7/KABC-TV LOS ANGELES TO EXCLUSIVELY STREAM MINORITY HEALTH  
INSTITUTE'S VIRTUAL TOWN HALL ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN  
AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

**'COVID-19: The Battle to Save Black Lives' Virtual Town Hall to Stream  
on Thursday, April 30 (12:00 – 1:30 P.M. PDT)**

**Stream live at [abc7.com](http://abc7.com) and ABC7's connected TV apps on  
[Amazon FireTV](#), [Android FireTV](#), [Android TV](#), [Roku](#), and [tvOS](#)**

KABC, Southern California's most-watched television station, will live stream Minority Health Institute's "COVID-19: The Battle to Save Black Lives" virtual town hall on **Thursday, April 30** (12:00-1:30 p.m. PDT). The solutions-based, action-oriented virtual summit will discuss the health, economic and social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on black communities.

Black Angelenos are dying from COVID-19 at a disproportionate rate, according to data released Tuesday from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. The death rate in LA County is about 9 per 100,000 people, as of April 28 data, but for the African American population, it's about 16 per 100,000 people. The county data also shows many communities of color with incomes below the county median have higher death rates.

The town hall will be led by Dr. Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, FACP, president and founder of the [Minority Health Institute](#). Panelists include medical professionals and health policy experts to provide data, tips and resources during the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, FACP** – Clinical professor of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; past president, National Medical Association; founder, Association of Black Cardiologists
- **David Pryor, MD, MPH** – regional vice president, medical director, Anthem; board member, American Heart Association, Los Angeles Chapter
- **Johan (Gigi) El-Bayoumi, MD, FACP** – founding director, Rodham Institute; professor of medicine, George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- **Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA** – president, American Medical Association

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- **Oliver T. Brooks, MD** – chief medical officer, Watts HealthCare Corporation; president, National Medical Association
- **Muntu Davis, MD, MPH** – county health officer, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- **Vicki M. Mays, Ph.D., MSPH** – professor, UCLA Department of Psychology in the College of Letters and Sciences; professor, UCLA Department of Health Services
- **Gustavo Friedrichson** – CEO Los Angeles County Medical Association
- **Lisa Barkley, MD, FAAFP, FSAHM, FACSM** – chair and program director, Family Medicine Residency, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- **Mia Keeyes, MA** – director of Health Equity Policy & Advocacy, American Medical Association
- **Reverend J. Edgar Boyd** – pastor, First American Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles (FAME)

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