

## National Study of Latino COVID-19 Infection Dynamics to be Discussed Online Today

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Washington, DC – A national study of social and structural drivers of COVID-19 diagnoses and deaths among Hispanic/Latinos will be discussed in an on-line community health forum on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm EST.

Latinos have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As of June 8, 2020, they account for one in three (33%) of all confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S.

Furthermore, Latinos account for approximately one in five of all confirmed COVID-19-related deaths in the U.S.

The panel will discuss the findings of the study "Risk for COVID-19 infection and death among Latinos in the United States: Examining heterogeneity in transmission dynamics". This study is the first nationwide analysis of COVID-19 cases and deaths among Latinos.

Participants include:

Carlos E. Rodriguez-Diaz, PHD of George Washington University Jeffrey S. Crowley, MPH of Georgetown University  
Melissa Marzan-Rodriguez DrPH of Ponce Health Science University, and Gregorio A. Millett, MPH of AmfAR-the  
Foundation for AIDS Research

"We found that crowded housing, air pollution, jobs in the meatpacking and poultry industry and other factors put Latinos at high risk of COVID-19 infections and death," said lead author of the study Carlos E. Rodriguez-Diaz, Ph.D., MPH.

These researchers will expand on their findings to call for multi-level structural interventions to address inequities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To register for the Webinar go to: [https://latinoaidsof.org/zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nd2wMAtvTmCkNHnT6AM4tQ](https://latinoaidsof.org/zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nd2wMAtvTmCkNHnT6AM4tQ)

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