


COVID-19
Haitian Immigrant Students and Families

*Understanding the history.
 Acknowledging their present.
 Applying a culturally sensitive approach for ongoing care during a challenging time.*



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**Covid-19 - the perspective
 of a Haitian Immigrant**

**The Uber ride that made it clear...
 March 26th 2020**

The Numbers

2010:
587,000
Haitian
Immigrants

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2015:
676,000
Haitian
Immigrants

Migration Policy Institute, 2017

History, Culture, now COVID-19

- ▶ **Health behaviors**
 - ▶ Haiti vs. US: health promotion and prevention
 - ▶ Socioeconomic status determines access to optimal healthcare in Haiti
 - ▶ Established Primary Care Provider (not a priority)
 - ▶ How COVID-19 highlights these challenges: CDC recommends to call provider healthcare provider - if not established → Emergency Room or no access
- ▶ **Language and literacy challenges**
 - ▶ Health info must be culturally sensitive and easily understood
 - ▶ French vs Creole ?
- ▶ **Legal status**
 - ▶ Fear to access healthcare system

The Children are a Vital Resource

- ▶ Fear of linguistic ability to communicate (parents)
- ▶ Adding children/teens - empower them - your helpers
- ▶ Squeeze in announcements after zoom classes - work with other teachers and educators
- ▶ Communication an ongoing challenge
 - ▶ Many parents are essential frontline workers
 - ▶ Leave voicemail - a point of contact
 - ▶ Inquire if another adult as point of contact during crisis - takes a village - everyone pulls together
 - ▶ Do not hesitate to offer emailing

HAMA's Response

- ▶ Creating easier format for optimal understanding
- ▶ Keeping information basic and culturally sensitive
- ▶ Acknowledge where target population accesses information
- ▶ Videos in the Haitian creole language (youtube for easy access to WhatsApp sharing)

Wash your hands often with soap and water for minimum of 20 seconds



Lave men-w souvan ak savon e dlo pou pi piti 20 segond



Use hand sanitizer that contains 60% or more alcohol



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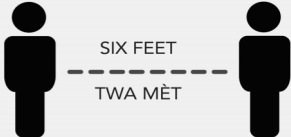
Avoid touching your face, nose, and mouth if your hands are not clean




Evite manyen figi-w, nen-w ak bouch ou depi men-w pa pwòp




Stay 6 feet apart when engaging with others



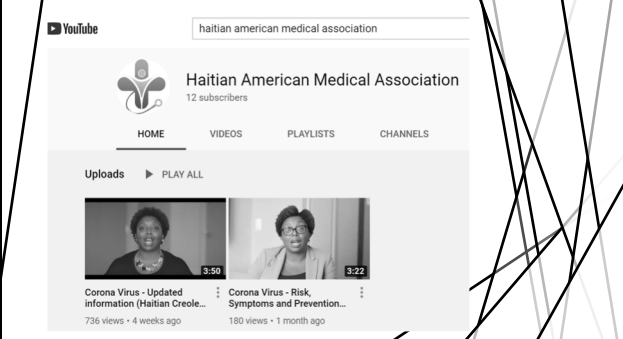

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Only access trusted information



Chache enfòmasyon nan sous ki valab sèlman



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