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How Black community leaders put Mississippi on the path to vaccine equity | Mississippi Today

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> As Mississippi's rollout of COVID-19 vaccines began to ramp up in early 2021, a troubling truth was revealed about the shots being put into people's arms across the state: Black Mississippians weren't getting their fair share.
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> Two months after the first doses were administered in the state, Black Mississippians had received just 19% of the total vaccines given, despite making up 38% of the state's population. After bearing the brunt of cases and deaths early in the pandemic, Black Mississippians were being shorted on the road to recovery.
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> A few months later, the picture is quite different. Mississippi is much closer to vaccine parity, with 31% of total shots going to Black residents. For the past four weeks, Black Mississippians' share of the doses administered has been equal to or higher than their share of the population.
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