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Minorities and Seniors Are Most at Risk

WASHINGTON, DC, UNITED STATES, September 2, 2025

[/EINPresswire.com \(https://www.einpresswire.com/\)](https://www.einpresswire.com/) -- The [National Black Church Initiative \(http://www.naltblackchurch.com\)](http://www.naltblackchurch.com) (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino faith communities constituting 27.7 million members. NBCI must express grave concerns over the abrupt dismissal of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) director and subsequent resignations of key leaders across the agency.

A stunned nation witnessed recently Senate-confirmed CDC Director, Susan Monarez, being ousted from her position after she refused to resign last Wednesday. Four others in CDC leadership chose to resign during this upheaval: Deputy Director Dr. Debra Houry, Dr. Daniel Jernigan, Dr.

Demetre Daskalakis, and Dr. Jennifer Layden. In her resignation email, former Deputy Director Houry presented this crisis in stark terms: "For the good of the nation and the world, the science at CDC should never be censored or subject to political pauses or interpretations." And, she revealed, "I am committed to protecting the public's health, but the ongoing changes prevent me from continuing in my job as a leader of the agency."

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— *Rev. Anthony Evans,*
President of the National
Black Church Initiative

With the FDA also deciding last week to approve the next COVID vaccine round yet restrict access to people 65 and over and certain "at-risk" persons, it seems that Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary

Kennedy is overreaching during this crisis. He has already approved of the CDC's deletion of guidelines directing healthy pregnant women and children to receive COVID vaccines. These restrictions not only curtail vaccine access but also limit a person's freedom to make vaccination decisions for themselves and their families. African Americans and seniors were devastated by the pandemic and remain vulnerable to COVID-19. NBCI advocates full access to COVID vaccines, without unnecessary restrictions.

The transformation concerning immunization could lead to one or more manmade national health disasters, which would be the impetus driving tragic mortality and morbidity rates, especially in underserved minority and senior communities. Recent developments raise critical questions about our nation's ability to have adequate protocols in place, expert leadership, and budgetary commitments to handle such crises.

Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, former head of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, lamented that these changes put "people of dubious intent and more dubious scientific rigor in charge of recommending vaccine policy." He described Dr. Monarez as being "hamstrung and sidelined by an authoritarian leader" prior to her ouster at CDC. He added that the "desire to please a political base will result in death and disability of vulnerable children and adults."

NBCI encompasses both the American Clinical Health Disparities Commission (<https://achdc.net/>) (ACHDC) and the National Clinical Trial Strategic Plan (NCTSP), and these entities are collaborating to mobilize the public and medical professionals to uphold and support scientific vaccine integrity during our nation's Vaccine Crisis of Confidence. This is a manufactured crisis exacerbated by issues created by HHS Secretary Kennedy and others who want to transform our nation's proven system of immunization based solely on unscientific assumptions and bogus legal theory.

Dr. Joseph Webster and Dr. James McCoy, ACHDC's chair and co-chair, along with Rev. Anthony Evans, president of NBCI, say in response: "The Black scientific and faith communities are on public record supporting vaccine facts, scientific integrity, and scientific leadership, and we promote immunization for all."

NBCI published a report to Congress, Moving toward a National Black Health Agenda (<https://naltblackchurch.com/health/health-agenda.html>)

(<https://naltblackchurch.com/health/health-agenda.html>)), which outlines a series of racial health disparities along with a plan for reducing them nationwide. The vaccine crisis completely undermines the efforts of NBCI, ACHDC, and NCTSP's 10-Year Immunization Plan to educate and vaccinate NBCI's 27.7 million members

(<https://naltblackchurch.com/health/flu-campaign.html>) (<https://naltblackchurch.com/health/flu-campaign.html>). We urge the American people to not sit by and allow this crisis to grow unabated.

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 150,000 African American and Latino churches, constituting 27.7 million members, working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches, and the public. The National Black Church Initiative's methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science. We also offer our member congregants and the public helpful and healthy science-based tips on how to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose primary mission is to reduce racial disparities in various areas, as cited above. NBCI provides faith-based, innovative, and cutting-edge solutions to complex economic and social challenges. NBCI's programs are guided by credible statistical analysis, science-based strategies and techniques, and methods that are proven to be effective.

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