

ARLINGTON HEALTH DISTRICT GRACE DIGIROLAMO

PROJECTS:

- Background: Arlington consistently ranks in the top 3 counties for county health rankings in Virginia.
 - Implementing disaggregated data has shown that there are islands of disparities in Arlington
- COVID-19 REPORT
 - For internal and external use, details
 COVID-19 Pandemic in Arlington
 through an equity perspective
 - Compiling data (census, demographic, COVID-19 data)
 - Goal: Begin demographic, equity, and stories behind the numbers sections. Create data visualizations
- PERFORMANCE MEASURES
 - Created each year for every public health program that Arlington offers
 - Goal: Disaggregate data by race and ethnicity for better off measures
 - Programs I focused on:
 - ADAP, STI Clinic, Maternity,
 Family Planning, and Dental
 Clinic
 - Added race and ethnicity data to the past 3 years of performance reports
 - Followed process to implement race and ethnicity and create graphs of better off measures

NEXT STEPS:

- COVID-19 report is still being worked on
- Performance reports will implement race and ethnicity breakdowns for future performance measures using process I developed

LESSONS LEARNED:

- Data visualization is difficult, especially in the context of equity
- The stories behind the numbers is what makes data impactful
- Writing reports being used by local government is very different from academic writing

ACTIVITIES:

- Meeting with leadership team for each public health division to learn about their areas
 - Health Director
 - Community Health
 - Communicable Disease
 - COVID-19 Emergency Response
 - School Health
 - Finance/Business

27%

NH Asian

8%

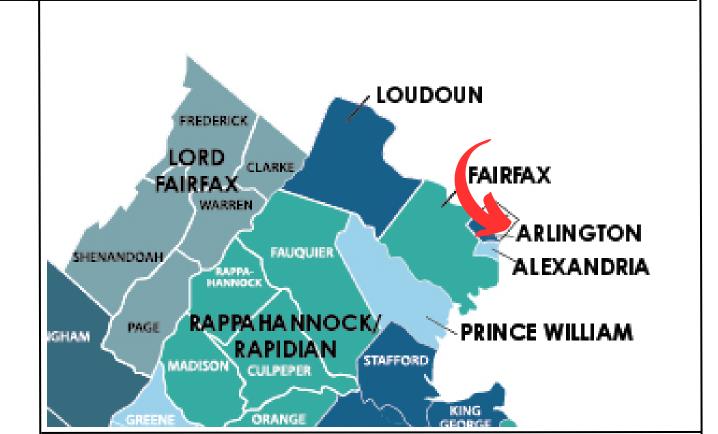
- Deputy Director
- Emergency preparedness
- Epi statewide call
- POD Training
- Shadowing in:
 - Maternity clinic, Family planning clinic, STI Clinic

ABOUT ME:

- Finishing my MPH at Virginia Tech in May
 '24
 - Concentration in Infectious Disease
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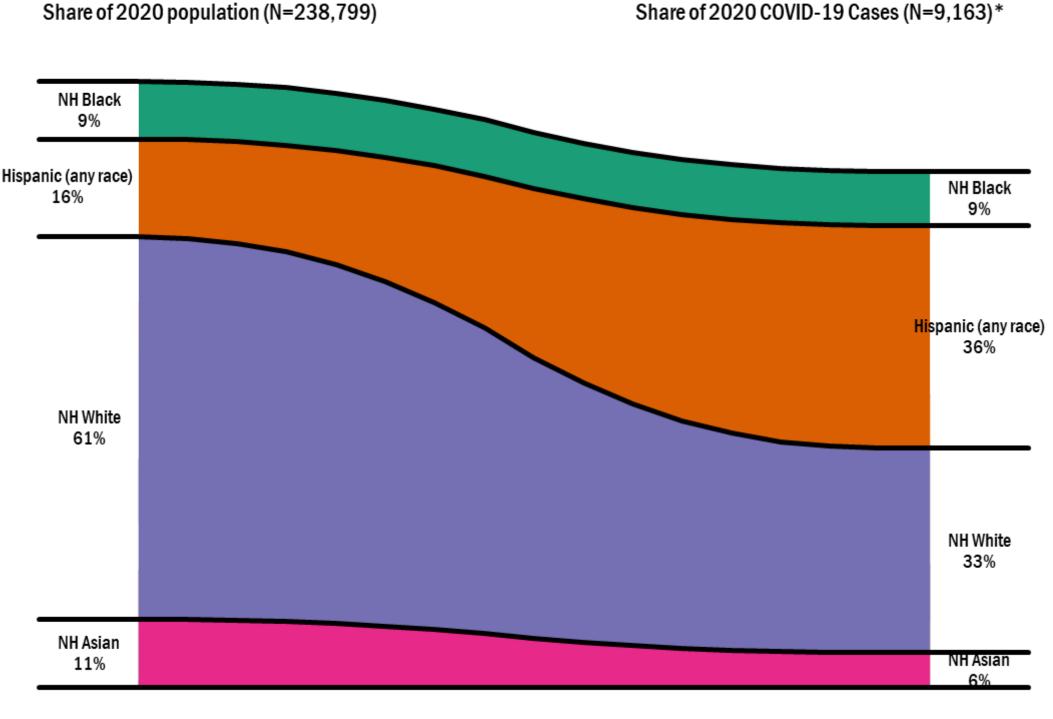
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Share of 2020 COVID-19 Hospitalizations Share of 2020 population (N=715)*(N=238,799)Black 9% Black 16% Hispanic (any race) 16% Hispanic (any race) 44% NH White 61% NH White

NH Asian

11%

