

The Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) stands in solidarity with the movement across our country against the systemic racism that impacts Black people and all people of color.

Racism is a public health issue. Structural inequities are the root of the health disparities that are evident in communities of color, especially now in the time of COVID-19. Nationwide, Black women are 2 to 6 times more likely to die from pregnancy complications than white women. Black Americans are dying from COVID-19 at a rate 2.4 times higher than for white Americans. Black communities experience higher rates of underlying health conditions, including diabetes and hypertension, but have lower rates of access to the health care services they need. Decades of systemic racism in our health care system have exacerbated these inequities for Black Americans.

Founded out of the civil rights movement, community health centers are committed to dismantling systemic racism and advancing health equity. We stand with our employees, our members and the communities they serve. We say in no uncertain terms: Black lives matter.