

During the past 20 months the COVID-19 epidemic has affected a staggering number of people throughout the US. According to the most recent estimate, more than 700,000 have died and over 5.9 million children have been infected. We all have questions about the virus, the vaccine, and the future. NBCC, in partnership with a wide range of churches and faith-based organizations throughout the country, is sponsoring a virtual conversation with <u>Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy</u> on Sun, Nov 7 at 3 PM PT (6 PM ET) to answer our questions.

Although the pandemic's impact is touching an extraordinarily diverse population spanning ideological, political, and theological viewpoints, the epidemic has been politicized to the point that it's hard to separate facts from fiction. To credibly address the questions and concerns of such a diverse population, we are assembling a panel of facilitators from various faith backgrounds to participate in a Q & A with Dr. Murthy. **The goal is not to persuade but to inform**.

Dr. Murthy will provide the most up-to-date information from the scientific and medical communities regarding COVID-19, the efficacy of the vaccinations for children, including those under the age of 12, and adults, and more information about booster shots. Participants have the opportunity to submit questions in advance. The pandemic, coupled with our current political climate and racial unrest is having an enormous impact on our mental health. Dr. Murthy will also discuss how the current climate is affecting our mental health and offer advice on how to cope during these challenging times.

The churches and faith-based organizations sponsoring this event encourage everyone to abide by local, regional, and national mandates and advisories in addressing COVID-19. We appreciate Dr. Murthy for taking the time to meet with us virtually to inform us fully. We recognize that our task is to ensure that everyone has the most accurate information available.



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