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The Surge of Summer through Winter, 2020–2021: COVID-19 Burned Through California’s Latino Population

The COVID-19 surge of summer through winter 2020–2021 devastated all population groups. Yet when the death rates of Latinos are compared to non-Hispanic white death rates by age groups, in every group a significant disparity between Latino and non-Hispanic white death rates is evident: death rates were from two times to seven times higher for Latinos. The state must ensure that these populations receive priority for vaccinations and other medical care, so that California can recover and continue to go about its business.

- What:** Release of report no.13: “The Surge of Summer through Winter, 2020–2021: COVID-19 Burned Through California’s Latino Population.”
- When:** Embargo lifts Thursday, March 11, 2021, at 6:00 a.m. (PT).
- Where:** A press release and a full report will be emailed to you by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 10, 2021.
- Who:** The Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.
- Why:** Disparities in California are laid bare by consistently higher Latino death rates across multiple age groups.

For more information, or to arrange a telephone interview with the Center’s Director, David E. Hayes- Bautista, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Medicine, please contact Adriana Valdez, at (310) 794-0663 or cesla@ucla.edu.