



The Facts:

African Americans have a higher risk of developing kidney disease.

Chronic kidney disease can cause kidney failure.

People with kidney failure need dialysis or a kidney transplant in order to live.

About 13% of Michigan is African American. But about 35% of people with kidney failure are African American.

CKD is a risk factor for severe COVID-19 and COVID-19 can also affect the health of your kidneys.

Risk Factors for CKD Include:

Diabetes

High Blood
Pressure

Frequent
NSAID use

History of
acute kidney
injury

Family
History

Age 60 or
older

Ethnicity

Talk to Your Doctor and Get Tested:

- Kidney disease often has no symptoms. To find out if you're at risk, take the quiz at [kidneymi.org/kidneyquiz](https://www.kidneymi.org/kidneyquiz).
- Make sure a doctor checks your blood sugar and blood pressure regularly.
- Your doctor can also perform two tests to find out how your kidneys are working.
- The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan offers programs for people at high risk of kidney disease.

