



The Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity (ASHE) was formed in response to the needs of the underserved communities in Philadelphia, PA. ASHE was conceived from the experience of the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium (BDCC). BDCC was created in March 2020 in response to the disproportionate number of African-Americans being diagnosed and dying from coronavirus, and the lack of swift intervention to mitigate disease spread. The mission of BDCC is to educate, provide advocacy and barrier-free coronavirus testing and vaccination in an effort to decrease the morbidity and mortality associated with the disease. BDCC has been integral in increasing the number of African-Americans vaccinated against coronavirus. In fact Philadelphia has the highest percentage of vaccinations of African-Americans in any large urban area (*City of Philadelphia, City Council Report, September 2021*). We understood that a continuum of care and access to quality medical services was necessary in the midst of the pandemic and one that would extend long after containment of COVID-19.

Slated to open in October 2021, the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity will offer an array of services including: phlebotomy, x-rays and mammography, behavioral health and well check-ups for children and adults in a welcoming, family-friendly environment. The clinic will also offer standard immunizations and flu vaccines. There are eight exam rooms and three private behavioral health spaces. It will employ roughly five physicians, two physician assistants, nurse practitioners and an experienced, robust nursing staff.

The center will accept all forms of insurance. “For us, it doesn’t matter what type of insurance you have, or don’t have. You’re going to see the same people, you’re going to get the same level of care, and that’s what we plan to deliver for everyone who comes into the door,” Stanford said.

<https://www.inquirer.com/health/coronavirus/black-doctors-covid-consortium-ala-stanford-philadelphia-20210923.html>

WHO

The Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity will accept all patients – infants to adults.

WHY

The medical system has unfortunately been untrustworthy to people of color, both historically and current day. However, medical care is crucial for everyone’s livelihood and longevity. Trust between patients and health care personnel is an essential factor and necessary to improve health outcomes. To further answer this call, we have engaged culturally competent, diverse clinicians to provide genuine patient-centered care in the heart of the city’s most vulnerable communities.

Evidence has shown better health outcomes when caregivers reflect the population they serve and have a shared experience and understanding. (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4638275/>). This is the vision of the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity, to reduce and eliminate health disparities by following the science and listening to the people.

WHEN

The Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity will begin accepting patients **Monday, October 18, 2021**.

WHERE

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