JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
The State of Pulmonary Health

DEMOGRAPHICS
Population: 164,422
Metro area: 539,000
82% African-American
16% Non-Hispanic White,
1% Hispanic; 1% Other

STATE OF HEALTH CARE
• Mississippi has the lowest number of physicians per capita of any state
• Nearly half of Mississippi’s rural hospitals are in risk of closure.
• The United Health Foundation ranked Mississippi as 49th for overall health

LUNG HEALTH CARE
• Mississippi has the third-highest death rate nationwide for lung disease
• Mississippi consistently has one of the highest death rates due to asthma—
driven by Jackson.

LUNG DISEASE IN JACKSON
• Fourteen percent of adults in the Jackson area are living with chronic lung disease
• Eight percent of adults had COPD, asthma, or both.
• Twenty-six pulmonologists listed practicing in Jackson, giving each doctor roughly 1,600 patients with chronic disease

32 MEDIAN AGE
16 PERCENT without health insurance vs 8.5 percent nationwide
27 PERCENT living below poverty vs 13 percent nationwide

JACKSON AND COVID-19
Total metro area cases: 15,870*
Total metro area deaths: 359*
Long-term care facility deaths: 106*

Postitivity rate 15.7 %**
Total hospitalizations: 4,738**
COVID-19 patients in ICU: 321**
Ventilators in use: 163 **

*Total cases as of October 26, 2020 in Hinds, Madison and Rankin Counties
**Statewide, as of August 14, 2020

Sources: U.S. Census, United Health Foundation's America’s Healthcare Rankings 2019 report, American Lung Association. Mississippi State Department of Health