

OTTAWA INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS' FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCES DURING COVID-19



Section 9: Getting Tested, Vaccinated, and Testing Positive for COVID-19

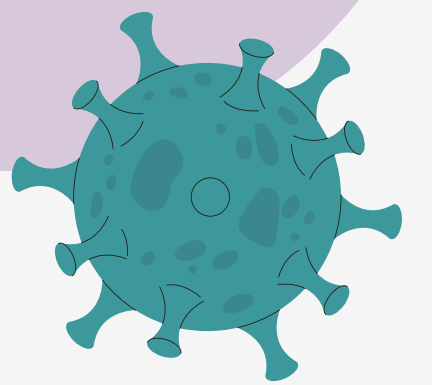
Results are from the 2021 COVID-19 research survey of 1077 Indigenous community members in Ottawa that described their experience of COVID-19 from March 2020 to June 2021.

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our community partnerships were important for being able to talk with our community about COVID-19, the changing regulations, getting tested, and vaccines. Ottawa Public Health and the City of Ottawa were important partners for our community.



72%
OF COMMUNITY
MEMBERS RECEIVED
A VACCINE

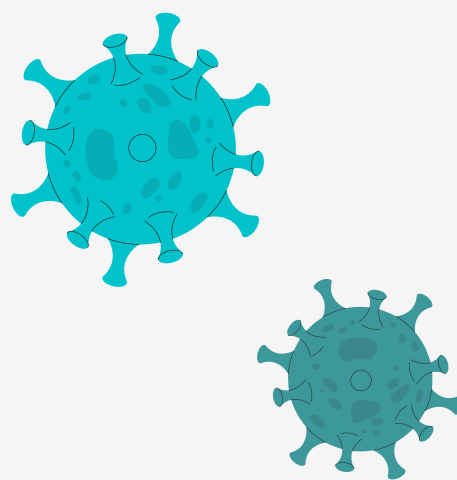


GETTING TESTED

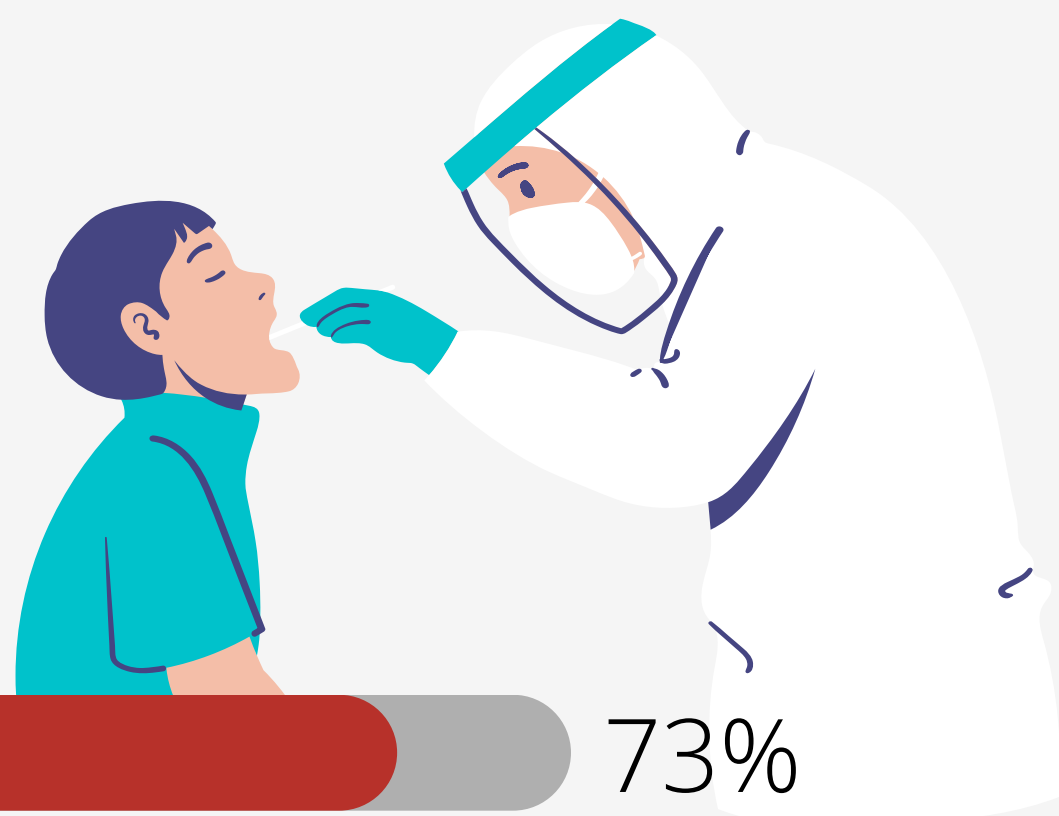
Hesitated to Go For Testing

People decided to for testing because they; had symptoms, were in contact with someone with COVID-19, wanted to visit an older friend/relative, wanted to travel, were required to work/access services and medical care, recommended by children's care centre.

*"Taking a **whole family** of 6 to be tested and having to wait was **quite stressful.**"*



*"I was **afraid** that the outcome would be **positive.**"*



Tested at least once for COVID-19

46%

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Barriers to access testing included:

- Location of testing sites
- Fear about getting tested
- Money for transportation
- Lack of personal protection
- Could not make an appointment
- Turned away at the testing centre



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GETTING VACCINATED

By **June 2021**, the following number of community members received COVID-19 vaccines:



Tested at least once for COVID-19



Received 1st Dose



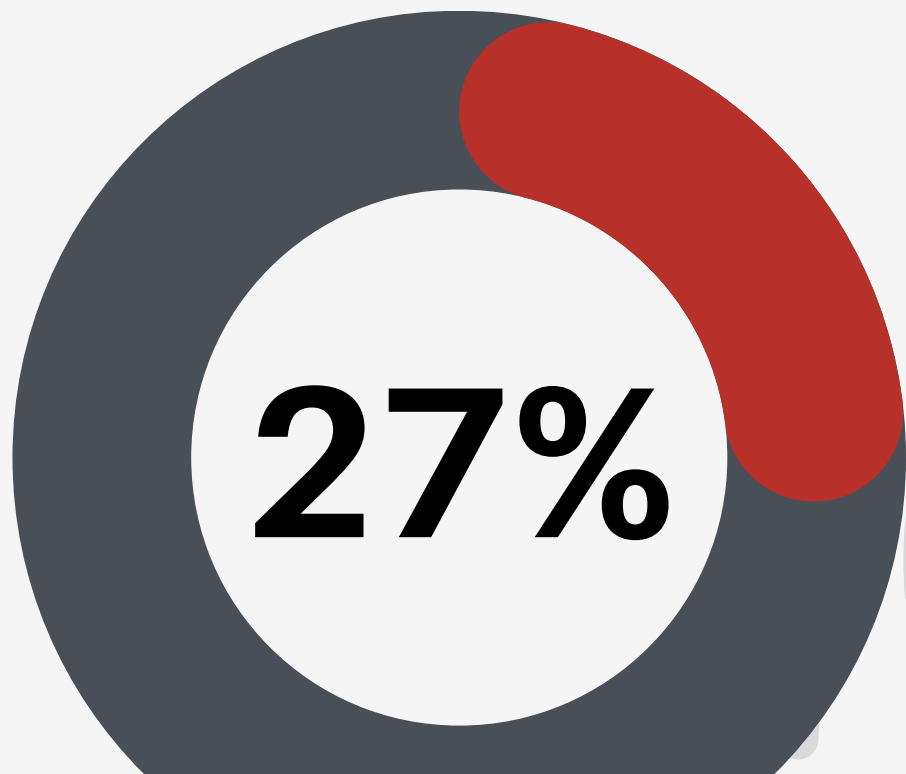
Received 2nd Dose



People who received **both doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine were more likely to live in **Gatineau**.

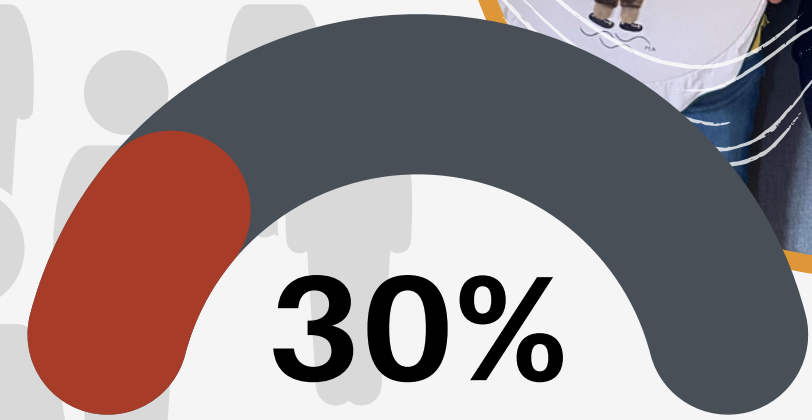
*"There is light at the end of the tunnel as we get **vaccinated** and we get to leave our houses with less fear."*

TESTING POSITIVE



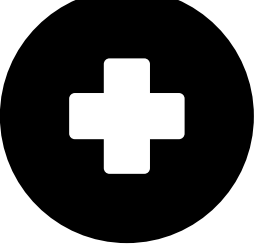
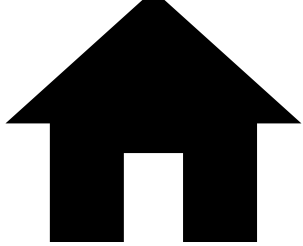

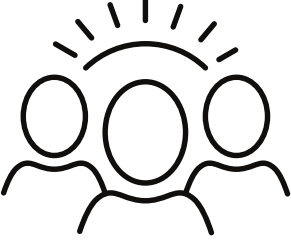
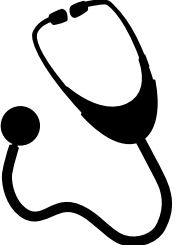
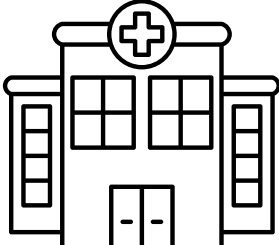


Tested Positive for COVID-19

Men who tested positive for COVID-19 were more likely to **access non-Indigenous community support** than women.



Family Members Tested Positive for COVID-19



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|  <p>REFERRED TO MEDICAL SUPPORTS</p> <p>83%</p> |  <p>SAFE PLACE TO ISOLATE</p> <p>88.2%</p> |  <p>ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS</p> <p>48%</p> |  <p>ACCESS TO NON-INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS</p> <p>45.5%</p> |
|  <p>REQUIRED ADDITIONAL OUTPATIENT SUPPORT</p> <p>45%</p> |  <p>REQUIRED ADDITIONAL INPATIENT SUPPORT</p> <p>40%</p> |  <p>TREATED WITH RESPECT AS AN INDIGENOUS PERSON</p> <p>87%</p> |  <p>FAMILY PHYSICIAN SUPPORT</p> <p>75.4%</p> |

