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COVID Prevention in Communities Rounds

Land acknowledgement

I wish to acknowledge this land on which we meet. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and I am grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this land.

- I am a settler on this land. I recognize the broken treaties, attempted genocide and injustices against Indigenous peoples in Canada span centuries, and the impacts and oppression are still prevalent today.
- This statement is meaningless unless I am committed to be on a personal path of truth and reconciliation; which I do commit to.



A bit about the WCH Mobile team



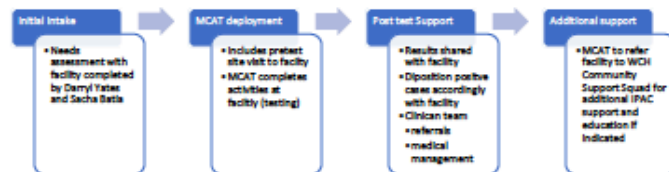
WCH Mobile COVID-19 Assessment Team (MCAT) – Community Sites

Purpose of the Mobile COVID-19 Assessment Team:

In response to the growing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic within congregate living facilities throughout Ontario, Women's College Hospital (WCH) has identified a need to provide expanded support to the most vulnerable individuals. The WCH Mobile COVID-19 Assessment Team (MCAT) was created to efficiently address urgent testing requirements of vulnerable populations including residents living in homeless shelters, and other congregate settings. Herein, the MCAT provides onsite universal COVID-19 testing for individuals living in congregate settings, when a COVID-19 outbreak has been identified by Toronto Public Health.

MCAT reports to Darryl Yates, VP of Patient Care and Ambulatory Care Innovation, and Dr. Sacha Bhatia, Chief Medical Innovation Officer.

MCAT Workflow:



WCH MCAT includes the following personnel:

Located at WCH:

1 medical secretary (from ACCESS Centre)
Assessment Center (AC) Medical Director/Deputy

Onsite testing personnel:

2 MDs/NPs
2 Administrative Supports: labeling and bagging specimens

Provided by requesting institution:

1 Liaison staff for all communication
1-2 Staff to assist with resident flow

IN WAVE 1

- Delivered a wrap around testing service to shelters
- WCH partners or assigned by TPH
- Prepare for testing
- Testing day
- Handling the test results
- Following weeks IPAC support

IN WAVE 2

- Work in schools in highly impacted communities
- Support relationships created in wave 1

The Centre for wise practices in Indigenous health (CWP)

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Our Diversity Is Sophisticated & Sacred

Vision: committed to the health and well-being of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, families and communities. We believe in a health system that acknowledges and respects Indigenous identity, trauma and resilience while providing meaningful, culturally safe care, free of racism and discrimination—where Indigenous worldview(s) are recognized and valued.

Pillars/Goals:

1. Indigenous Health Education and System Change
2. Indigenous Knowledge Translation and Health Equity Research
3. Public Health Policy and Advocacy

Reclamation of Indigenous Knowledges & Governance
Access To Culturally Safe & Trauma Informed Care



About these Rounds

We hope to create a forum to exchange ideas and strategies as we work together to keep our communities safe

- COVID impacts low income indigenous, black and communities of color much more severely.
- We need for strong, responsive and respectful partnerships between hospitals and community partners and activists.
- We are all stronger when we come together with integrity
- We are reaching for a silver lining – responses to COVID can lay the ground work for permanent, transformative, liberating changes for our communities.



COMMUNITY COVID ROUNDS

MOBILE AND POP-UP TESTING: WHAT WORKS?

WITH:
CHERYL PRESCOD AND MICHELLE WESTIN –
BLACK CREEK CHC &
HARVEY MANNING – ANISHAWABE HEALTH
TORONTO

DECEMBER 18, 2020



Community COVID-19 Response:

Mobile and Pop-up Testing in Northwest Toronto

Cheryl Prescod, Executive Director

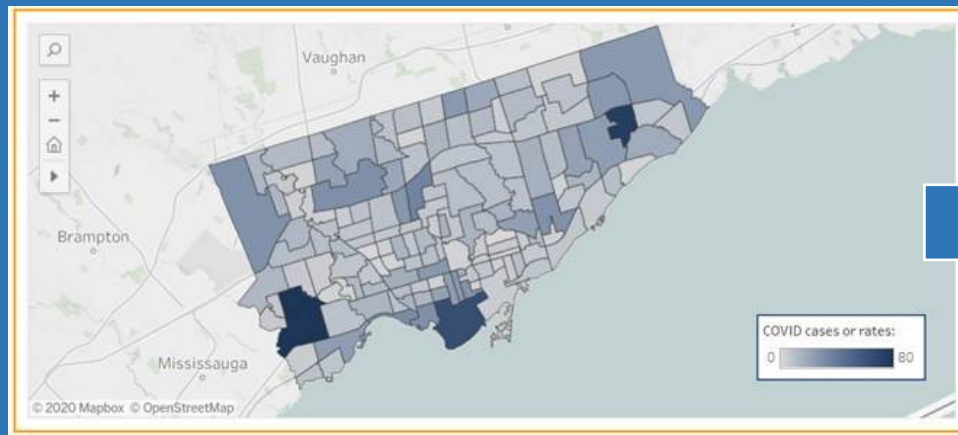
Michelle Westin, Senior Analyst, Planning, Quality and Risk

Black Creek Community Health Centre

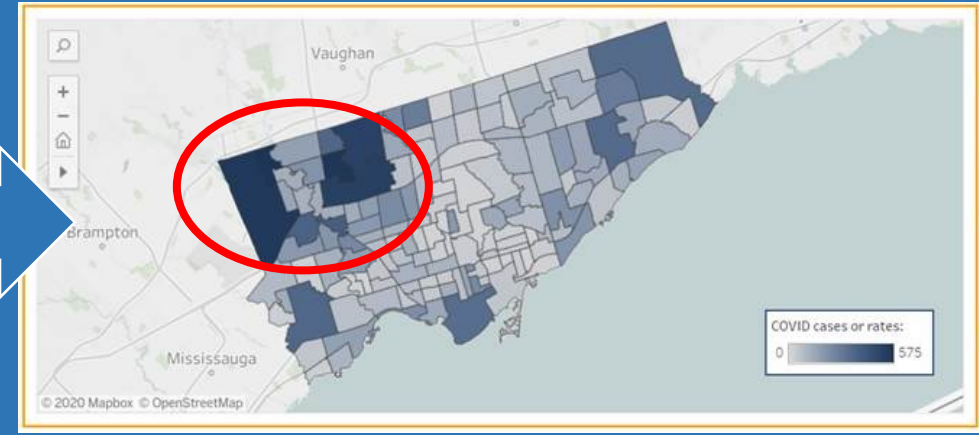
December 18, 2020

More than a quarter of Toronto's coronavirus deaths in the community have occurred in the city's poorer northwest corner.

By [Rachel Mendleson](#), [Jennifer Pagliaro](#), [Marco Chown Oved](#) and [Ed Tubb](#) Fri., July 10, 2020, Toronto Star



Beginning of Wave 1 (March 2020)



Peak of Wave 1 (April – July, 2020)

Mobile COVID-19 testing ‘finally’ comes to Toronto’s hardest-hit region

By [Kate Allen](#), Science and Technology Reporter, Toronto Star, Thurs., July 16, 2020



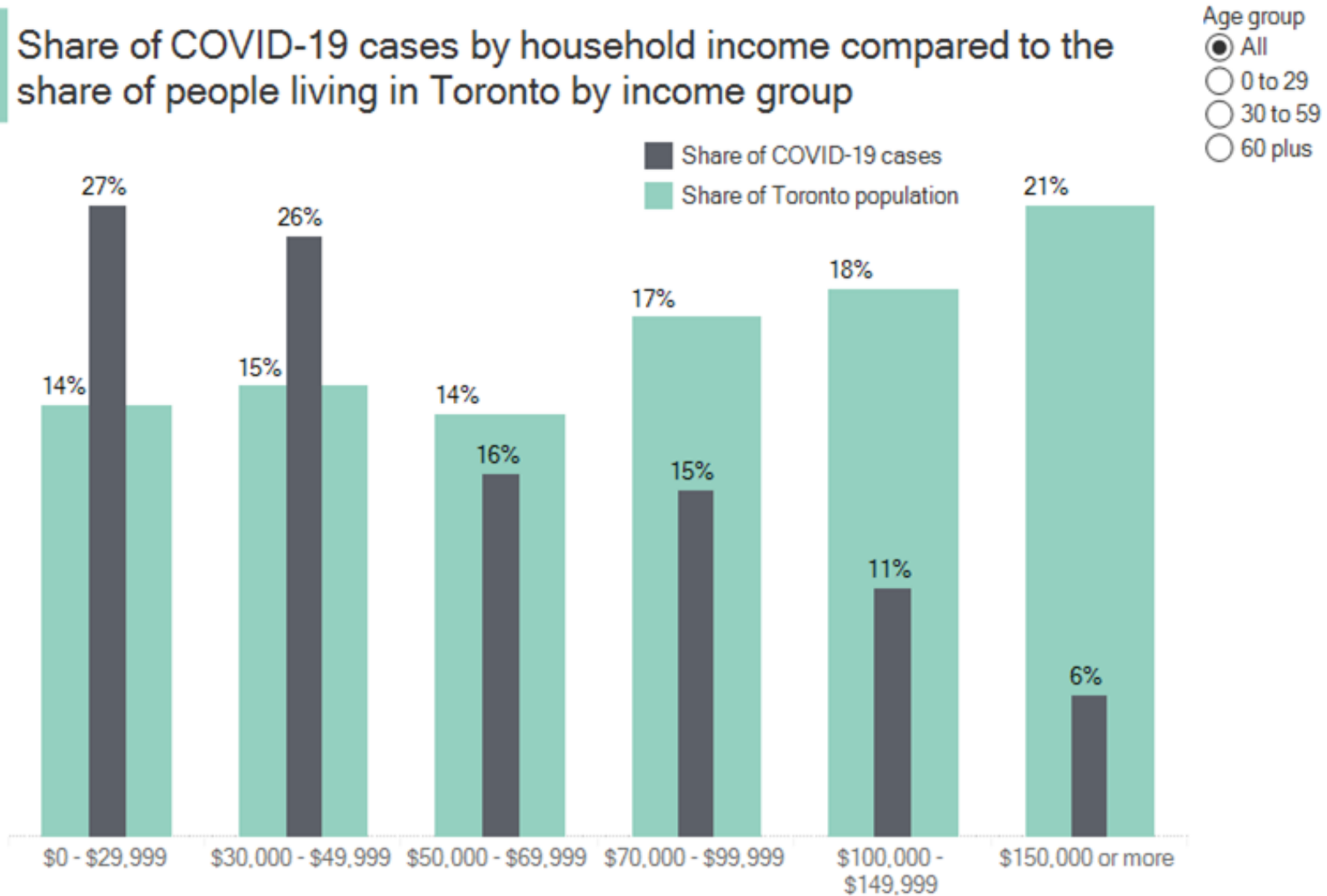
Pop-up clinic at northwest Toronto church gives a boost to COVID testing in hard-hit community -

By [Nicholas Keung](#), Immigration Reporter, Sat., July 18, 2020



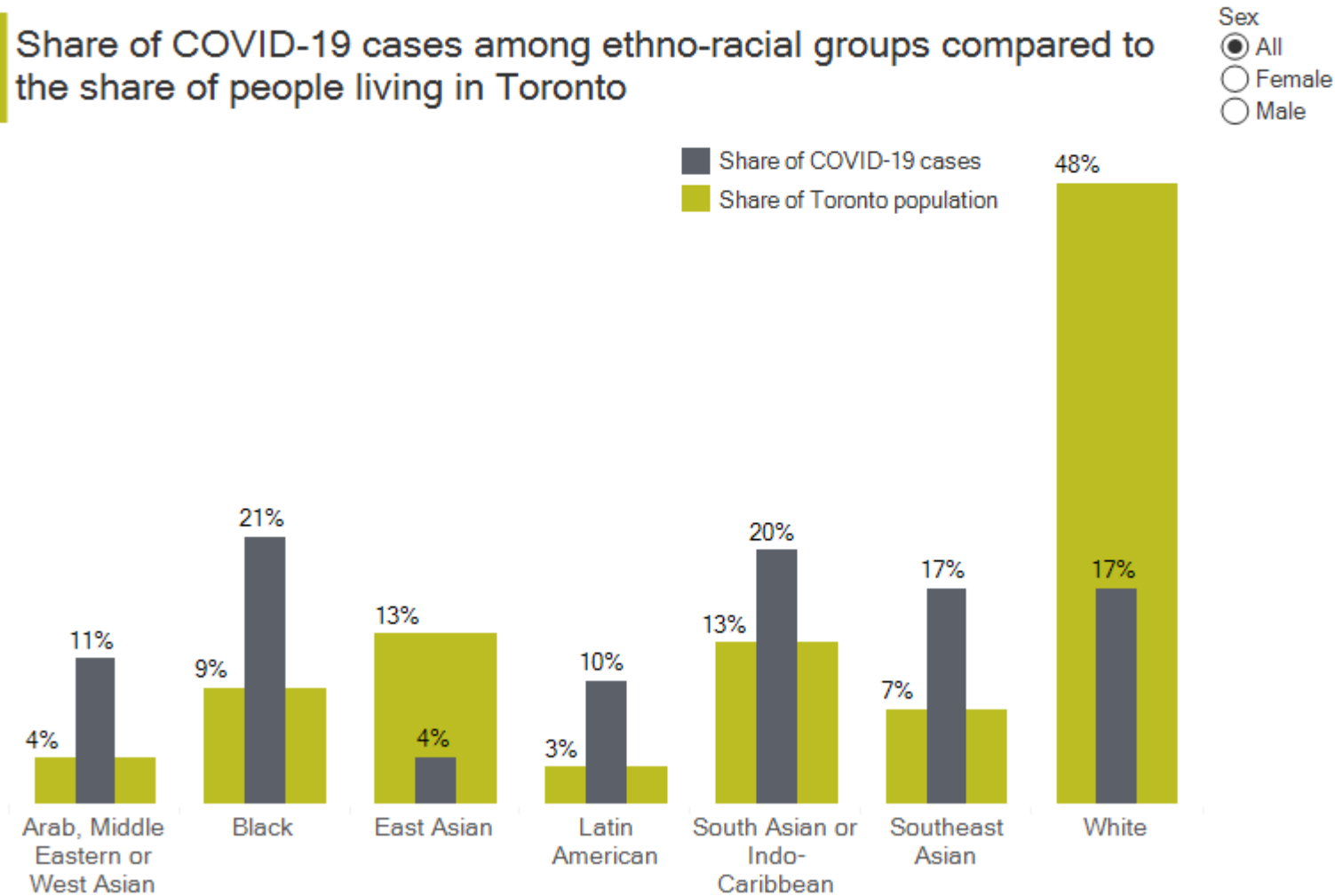
Reported COVID-19 Infection by Income Group

Share of COVID-19 cases by household income compared to the share of people living in Toronto by income group



Reported COVID-19 Infection by Ethno-Racial Group

Share of COVID-19 cases among ethno-racial groups compared to the share of people living in Toronto





Data and information on risk factors for contracting COVID-19 helped us to develop targeted strategies to minimize community spread and mitigate healthcare challenges caused by the disease.



Reduce barriers to Testing

Reduce impact of COVID in Community

Community and Data-Informed

Community Ambassadors and Build Capacity

Effective Outreach and Engagement

Partnership Collaboration
Community Development

Connect community residents to local supports

SDOH Wrap-around Approach

Community-Based Approach to COVID Testing

Partnerships:

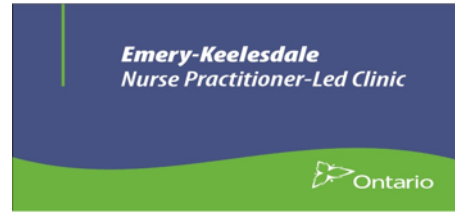
- Provide valuable insight and expertise to inform and implement Community Clinic planning: identify locations, community trends, advocacy for local needs

Roles:

- Coordination and planning, staffing, outreach and engagement, accessing community spaces, development of materials



North Western Toronto OHT

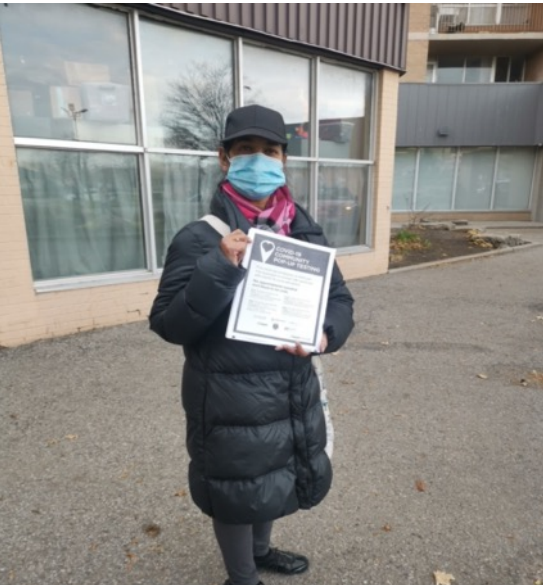


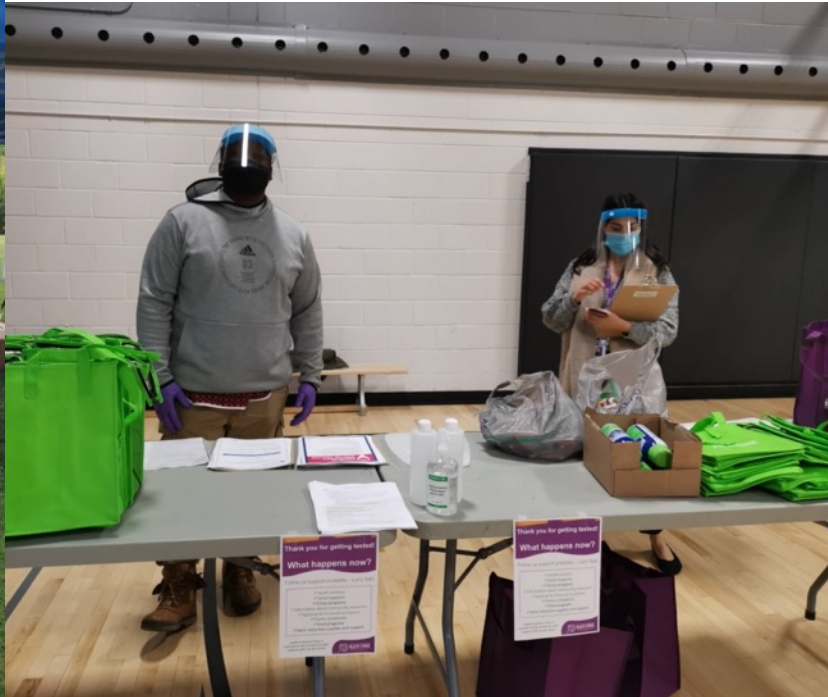
Shoreham Court Animators



Community Ambassadors

- Support Black Creek CHC's response to the pandemic by providing outreach and engagement to clients and community residents who are at high risk for acquiring or transmitting COVID-19
- Promote COVID-19 testing clinics
- Share reliable information about COVID-19 within the community
- Model physical distance and PPE techniques, proper hand hygiene to residents
- Inform residents about community resources and programs



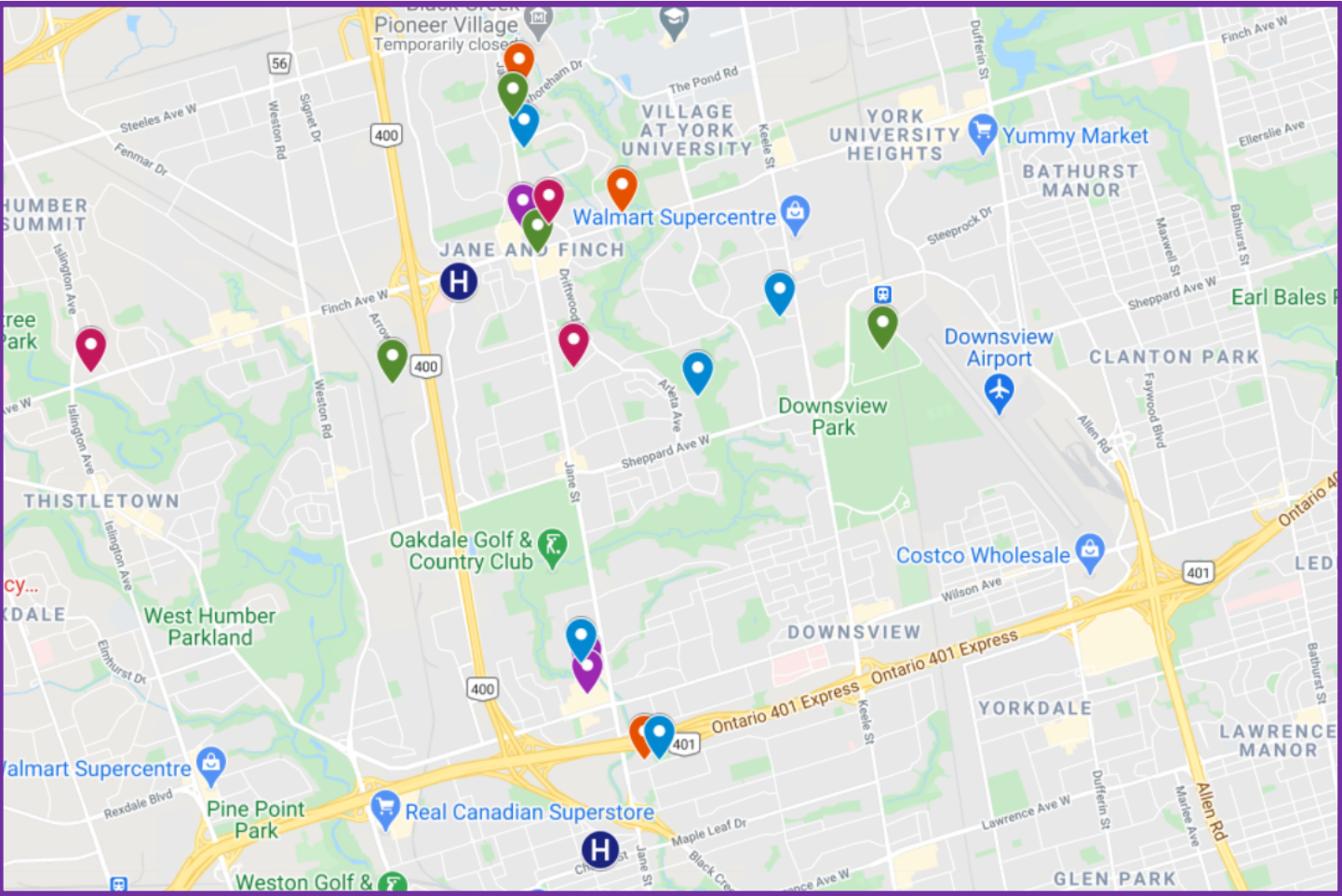


A Social Determinants of Health Response to COVID in Community

- Testing Clinics provide an opportunity to do “more than testing” → safe, accessible, comfortable space for engagement
- Stigma related to COVID-19 Testing: fear about going for testing and testing positive
- Need for targeted communication campaigns for diverse communities and information in plain language and multiple languages
- Utilize community expertise and social network channels to extend reach
- Provide wrap-around supports for community: food programs (incl. delivery), support with completing forms, accessing mental health supports, technology for virtual care, resources for non-insured, connecting with health care services at Black Creek CHC

COVID Testing Locations: July, 2020 – Dec, 2020

21 clinics completed, 3 more in December



Mall parking lots, Recreation Centres, Church, Toronto Community Housing, BCCHC locations, Community Organizations , TTC Mobile Testing Bus (Dec 21)

What have we learned?

How many people got tested? > 1350

Average # of people tested at each clinic? 70

Who is coming for testing? 82% from surrounding local “hotspot neighbourhoods”:

- Glenfield Jane Hts
- Black Creek
- Downsview Roding
- Humbermede, Pelmo-Park Humberlea
- Humber Summit
- Maple Leaf
- York University Hts

How did they hear about the clinic? Word of mouth, social media, flyers, School (letter/email), phone call from local representative (e.g., City Councillor), through BCCHC, websites (City of Toronto)

Next steps?

- Additional community testing sites throughout coming months
- Continued collaboration with agency partners to develop a “menu” of testing models in community
- Community Ambassadors: community workshops, training sessions
- Expand community based model to address vaccine hesitancy in ‘hard-to-reach’ population groups



Mobile Healing Team



Thank you!

- Questions/Thoughts?

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Next Year.....

NEXT ROUNDS:

January 8

Vaccinations 1: Evidence Review

January 15

Vaccinations 2: Ethics

February:

Testing & COVID Prevention in Schools

RESOURCES:

CWP Website: Past rounds slides and talks