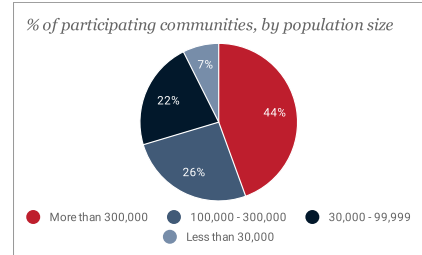
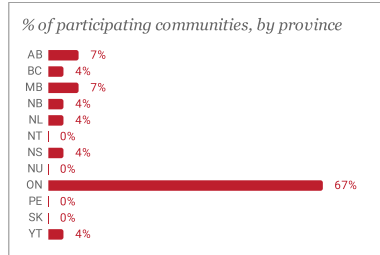


About the Survey

Each week, communities who work directly with CAEH, are invited to participate in a survey about COVID-19 and homelessness. The results inform our advocacy efforts, as well as resources offered by CAEH. We are grateful to communities for taking the time to share these insights and for all they are doing to support the health and wellbeing of our homeless neighbours.

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Number of participating communities

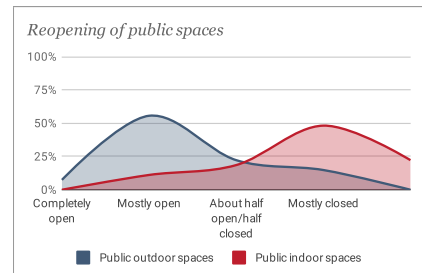
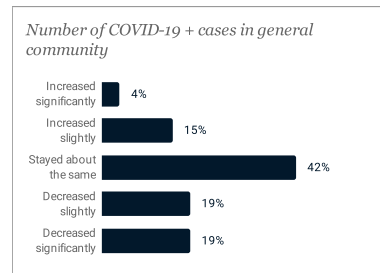


COVID-19 Community Trends

The impacts of COVID-19, as well as the number of cases, vary from province to province. As the curve begins to flatten and economies re-open, we want to ensure that individuals experiencing homelessness are safe and their needs are being met.

All communities reporting increases in the number of cases among the general population are from Ontario.

Many public indoor spaces remain closed, regardless of the province. As temperatures increase, communities are working toward offering cooling centres for individuals experiencing homelessness that follow public health protocols. Of the participating communities, only 3 are able to open cooling centres that meet health standards.



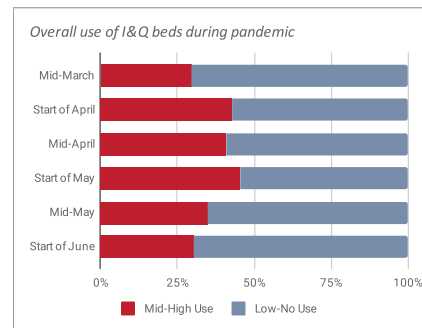
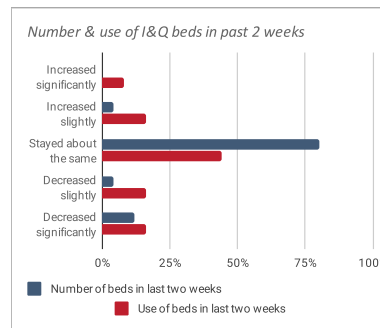
Isolation & Quarantine

Nearly all participating communities have an isolation & quarantine shelter/model for individuals experiencing homelessness. These have been organized in motels/hotels, community spaces, schools, and other locations that allow for appropriate cohorting and accommodations.

While the percentage of communities reporting high or medium use of isolation and quarantine beds appears to be on the decline, the percentage reporting high use has gradually increased, from 6% in mid-March, to it's highest point, 22% at the start of June.

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Approximate number of isolation and quarantine beds prepared for individuals experiencing homelessness in participating communities during pandemic.



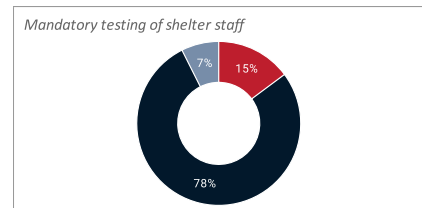
Testing & Outbreaks

Diagnostic testing continues to be a critical part of confronting, delaying and stopping the spread of COVID-19. This is particularly true for individuals experiencing homelessness, who are often living in congregate settings and aren't always able to practice good hygiene, such as hand-washing.

Communities that are increasing surveillance and universal testing are proactively preventing outbreaks in emergency shelters.

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 Number of communities reporting outbreaks in **emergency shelters** in the last two weeks

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 Number of communities reporting outbreaks in **encampments** in the last two weeks



Housing & Recovery

Many communities remain housing-focused during the pandemic. A strategy that is gaining interest from communities is purchasing sites used as isolation and quarantine shelters and converting them into permanent housing or permanent emergency shelters.

Another area of focus for many communities is preparing for the end of eviction bans and suspensions that were put in place during the pandemic to support renters. As the moratorium on evictions comes to a close in many provinces, the homeless sector is preparing for an influx of individuals and families looking for housing support.

