

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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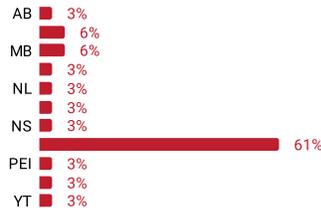
Number of participating communities this week

54%

Response rate this week

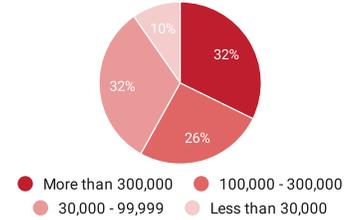
Provinces

% of surveyed communities



Populations

% of surveyed communities

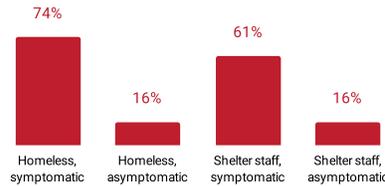


COVID-19 Testing

Diagnostic testing is 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. In addition, a growing body of evidence demonstrates that the number of individuals with COVID-19 who are asymptomatic, is higher than initially believed. This makes it challenging to properly accommodate and cohort individuals experiencing homelessness based on symptoms. This suggests that universal testing among individuals experiencing homelessness is essential to preventing outbreaks within shelters and encampments.

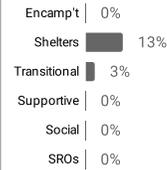
Prioritized for testing

% of surveyed communities



Universal testing

% of surveyed communities



Isolation & Quarantine Shelters

81%

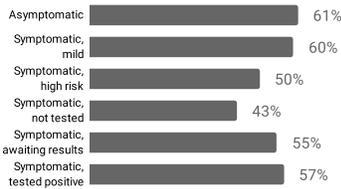
of surveyed communities have an isolation & quarantine shelter. While accommodating and cohorting individuals based on symptoms and/or testing status is very important, it continues to be challenging for Homeless Response Providers to establish, operationalize, and sustain I&Q shelters.

86%

of surveyed communities are concerned about their ability to sustain the isolation and quarantine shelters in the coming months. This is primarily due to staff capacity and funding availability.

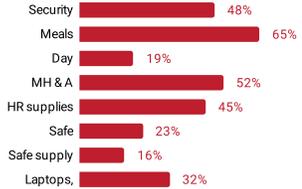
Homeless Response Providers accommodating and cohorting

% of surveyed communities



Onsite supports at isolation & quarantine shelters

% of surveyed communities



Outbreaks

16%

of surveyed communities have a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak in their emergency shelter.

3%

of surveyed communities have a confirmed COVID-19 outbreak in an encampment.

Emergency plan for responding to an outbreak

% of surveyed communities

	Yes	Somewhat	Not at all	Not sure
Emergency shelter	33%	47%	7%	13%
Encampment	7%	18%	50%	25%