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A multi-sector response to COVID-19 for people experiencing homelessness in Fredericton, New Brunswick

Lessons learned in harm reduction, safe supply, and coordinated partnerships

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Overview



**Pandemic
preparation**



**Managing
outbreaks**



**Vital
partnerships**

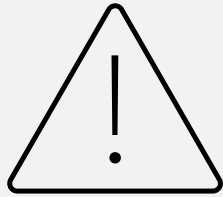


**New
approaches**



**Lessons
learned**

COVID-19 and people experiencing homelessness



High risk



Fear & Uncertainty

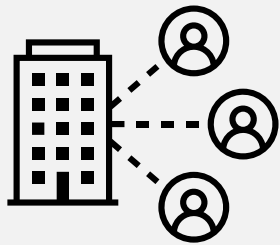


Cascade of impacts

The Community: Fredericton, New Brunswick

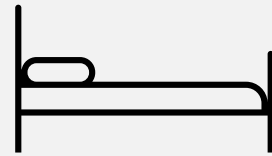


Snapshot of homelessness in Fredericton Nov 2021- April 2022



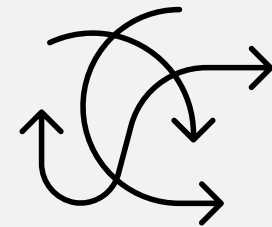
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Average # people
experiencing
homelessness



73%

Experiencing chronic
homelessness



22%

Met definition for
high acuity

Fredericton Homeless Serving Sector



Oak Centre



St. John House



Grace House



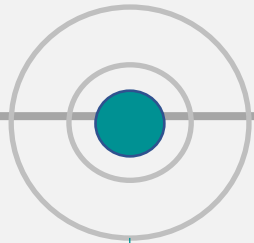
Brunswick Home



Women in Transition

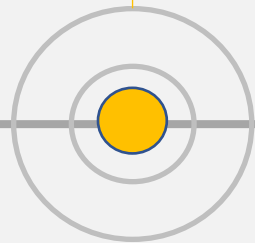


August 2020



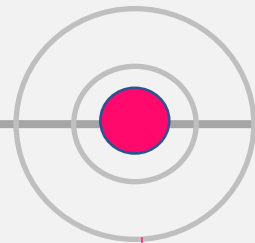
Outbreak planning begins

First COVID-19 vaccine doses administered



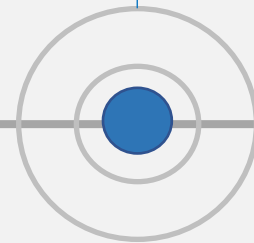
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July 2021



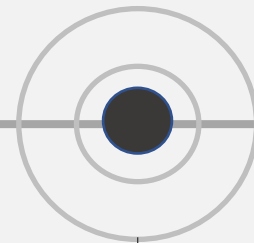
Second COVID-19 vaccine doses administered

First confirmed case of COVID-19 in a shelter

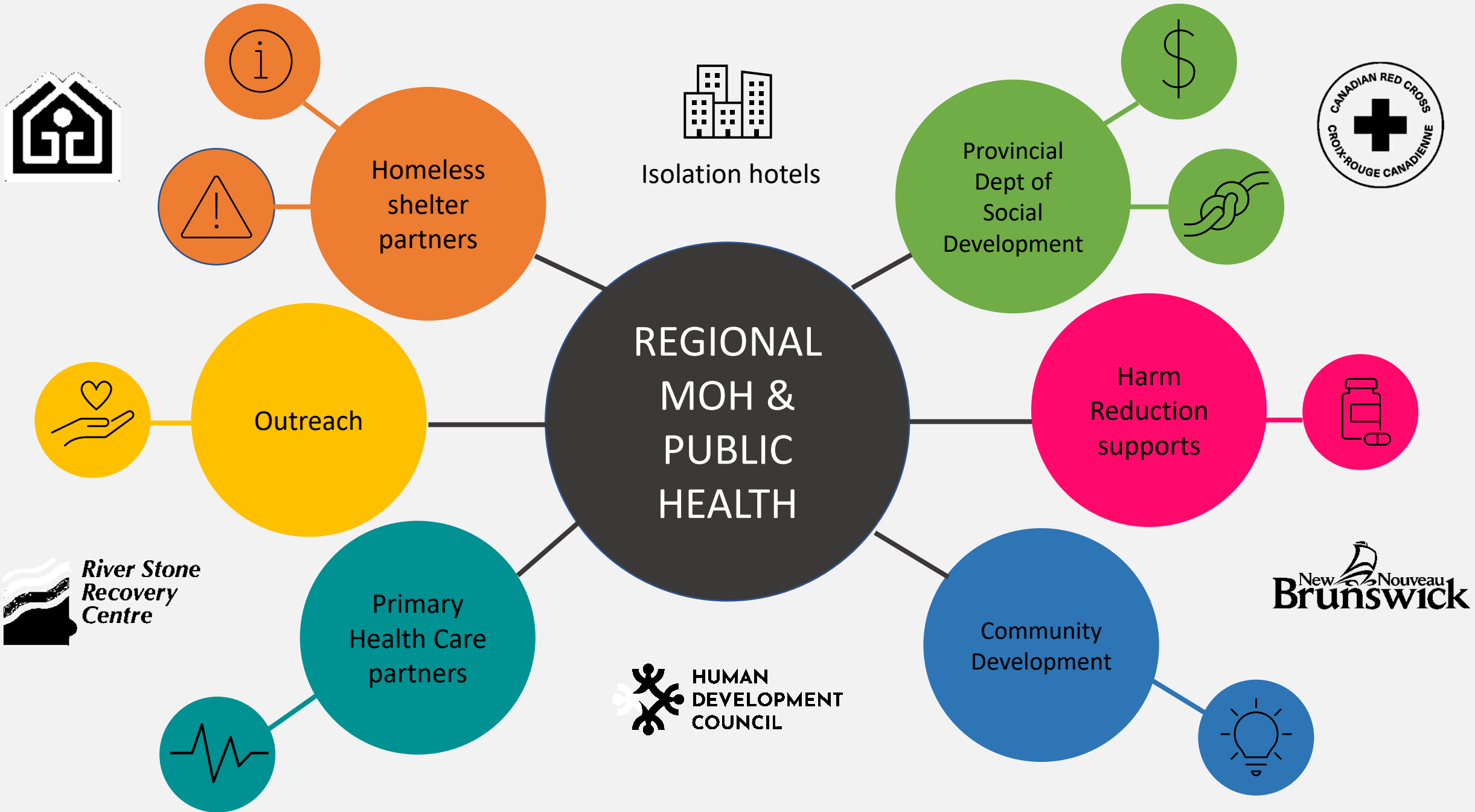


November 2021

December 2021



Coordinated isolation support

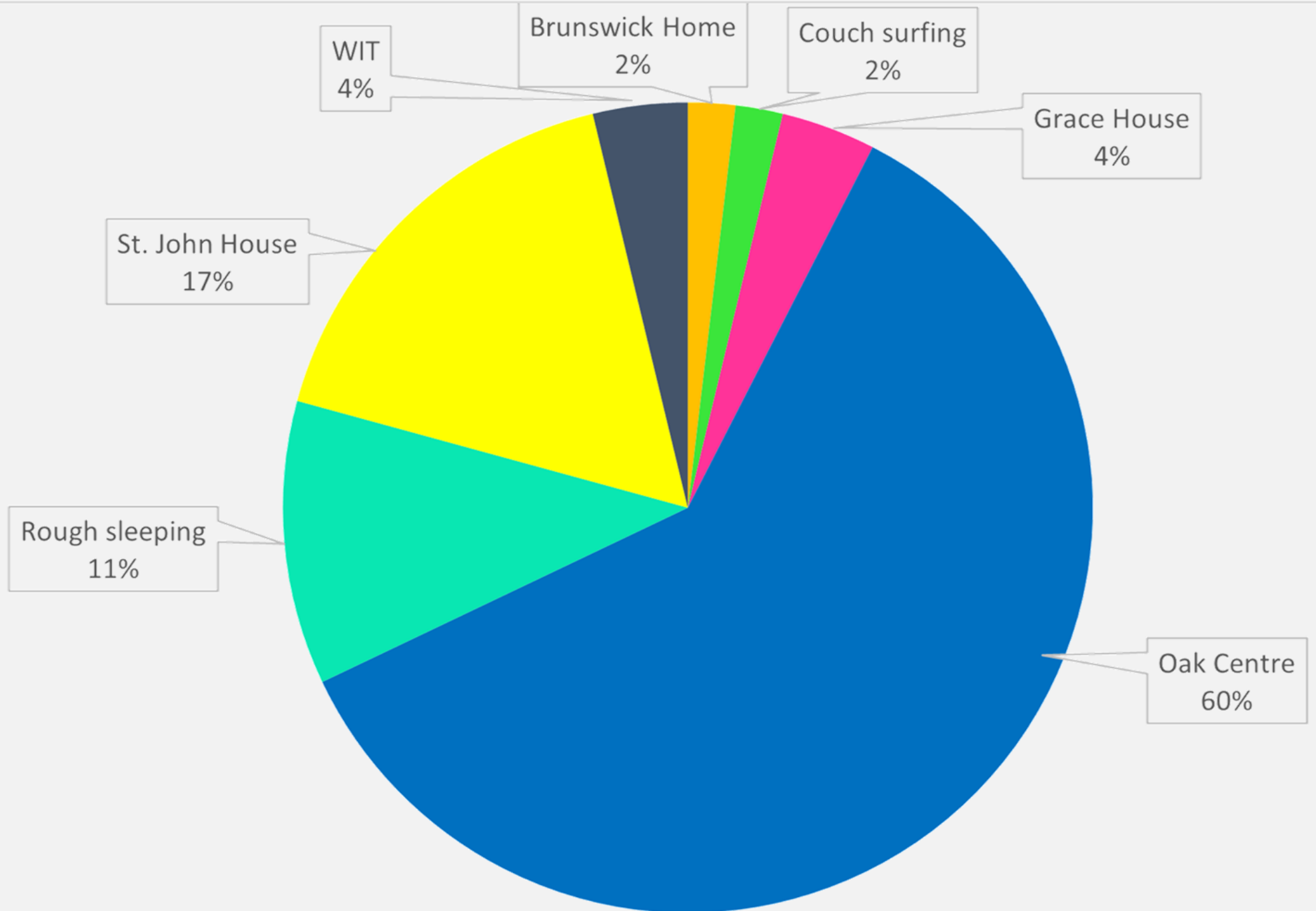


**Average age
45 years**

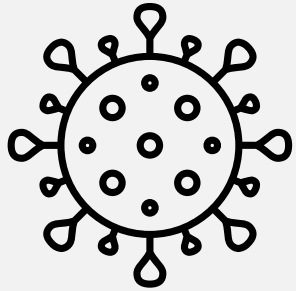
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32%

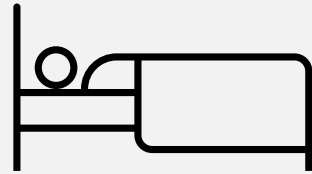


Outbreaks and outcomes



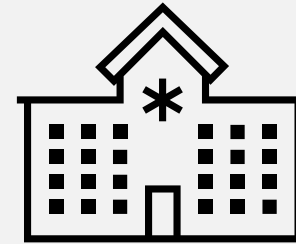
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Total # of cases*

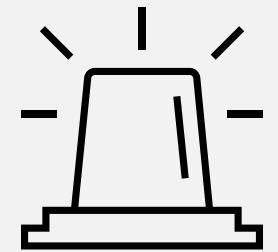


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Total # of people housed temporarily in isolation hotel



4% hospitalized**
84% recovered***
12% LTF



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Damage or security issues

Lessons learned



USEFULNESS OF
ISOLATION HOTELS



LOW BARRIER ACCESS
TO OAT AND OTHER
MEDICATIONS



COORDINATED
MULTIAGENCY WRAP-
AROUND SUPPORT



VALUE OF LOCAL
PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you

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