

Increasing Access to COVID-19 and Routine Vaccines for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness In Philadelphia

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Overview

- Background & vaccine rollout
- Addressing gaps
- Mobile Strike Team model
- Outcomes

Philadelphia Overview

- Population: 1,576,251
- Poverty Rate: 23.1%
- Persons without Health Insurance: 8.7%
- ~4,300 residents who're experiencing homelessness
 - ~700 are unhoused

Vaccine Rollout in Philadelphia

- Philadelphia independently responsible for COVID-19 vaccine distribution
- Larger community clinic models were not accessible for people experiencing homelessness
- No dedicated provider for homeless population
- Misinformation and distrust in healthcare system

Addressing Gaps in Service

- Surveying homeless service providers and community organizations
- Information sessions
- Provider matching
- Development of Mobile Strike Team

Mobile Strike Team Model

- Consist of approximately 5-7 team members.
- Low/no barrier clinic model
 - No ID, insurance, appointments
- Clinics at shelters, with trusted reduction community groups, Kensington
- Inclusion of harm reduction materials and routine vaccines.
- Provide information for services.

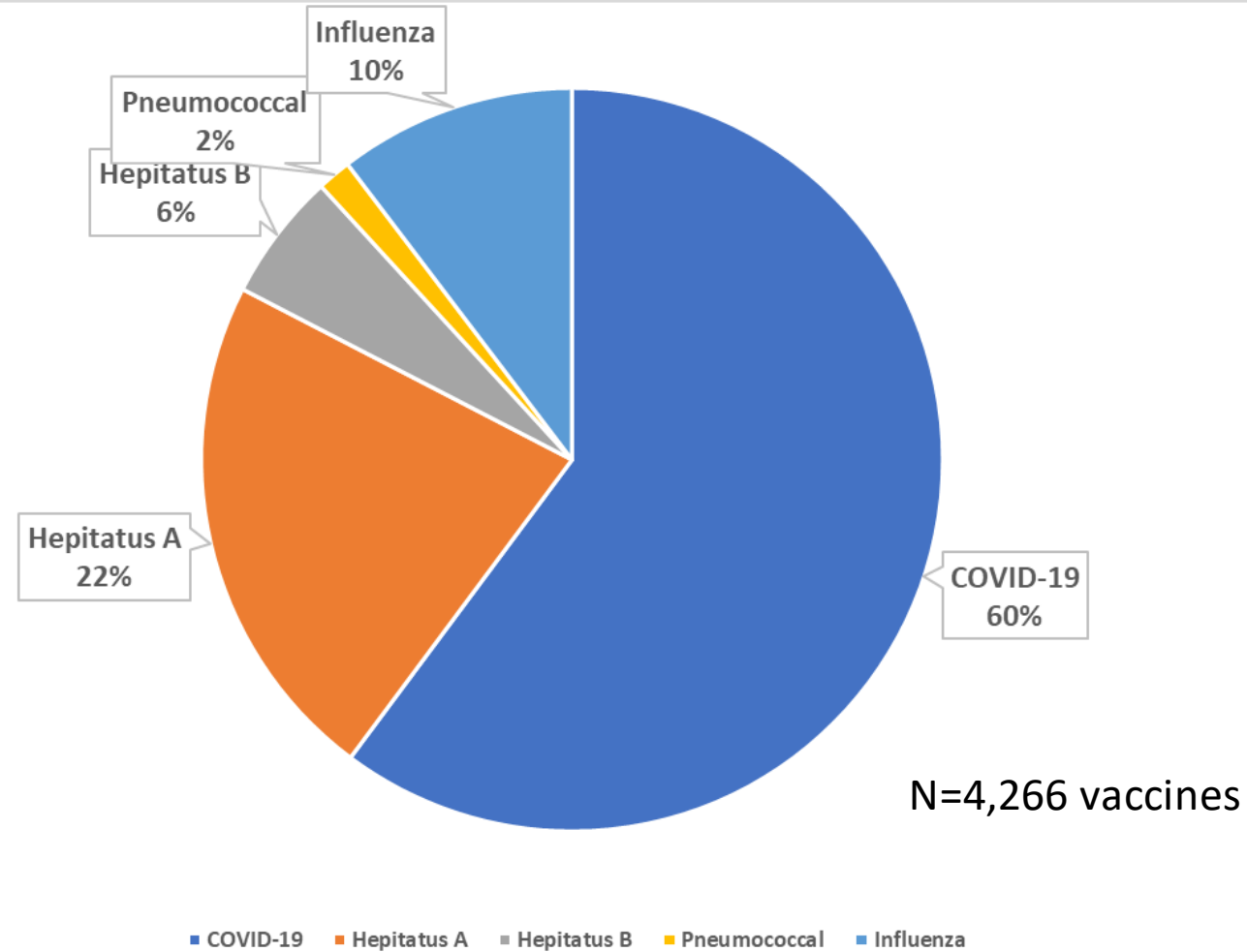


PDPH Mobile Team Outcomes

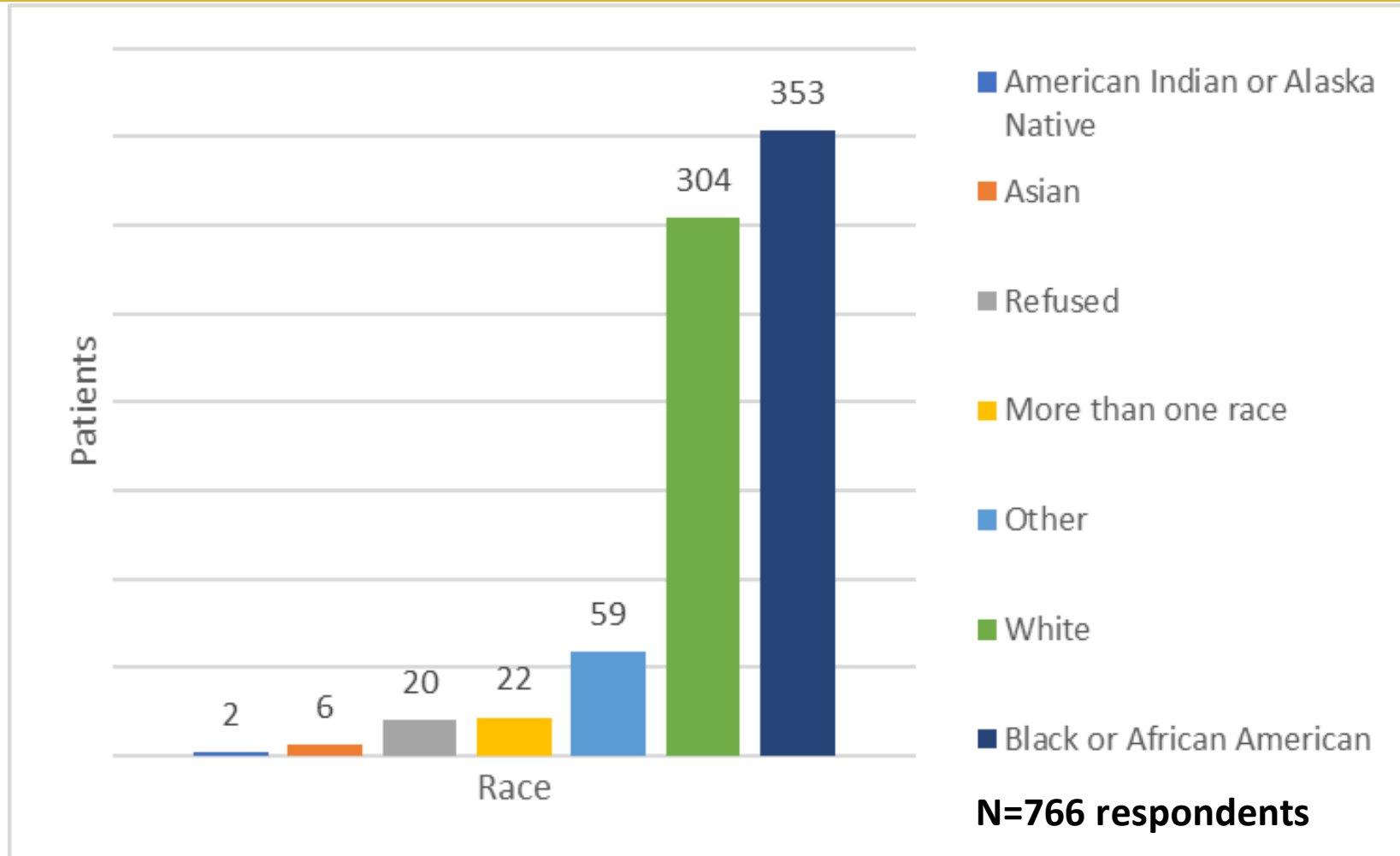
- **Total Vaccines Administered: 4,266**
- **COVID-19 Vaccines Administered: 2,568**
- **Total Number of Clinics Held: 148**



Vaccines Administered by Type



Race & Ethnicity Demographics



Health Insurance & Housing Status

Health Insurance:

Government-Issued: 73%

Private: 14%

None: 12%

Housing Status:

Unsheltered: 19%

Unstably Housed: 15%

In Shelter: 21%

Thank you!

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