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## FOCUS GROUPS UPDATE

Great News! We have completed seven web-based English-speaking focus groups with a total of 36 participants across 3 regions in Canada (**Ontario & Quebec, East Coast, and West Coast & Central Canada**) during summer of 2021. During the month of December we also conducted 3 web-based french-speaking focus groups with a total of 21 participants in order to obtain the experiences of our francophone African/Black communities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We had the opportunity to conduct these focus groups with essential service workers, front-line healthcare workers, and community leaders who were excited to contribute to collecting critical data to support African/Black communities.

We want to hear your voice! Check out our social media platforms for upcoming focus groups in the near future. For more information, please email us at:

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# Research, research, research!

## Preliminary findings

Since the launch of our national survey, we have examined and gathered some preliminary statistics to showcase a glimpse of our current findings. These statistics have been selected because they reflect the reality of how COVID-19 has impacted African/Black communities in Canada.



77.7%

of Black essential workers participating in our national survey responded that their work became more stressful during COVID-19.

When Black people living in Canada were asked if they were treated differently at work based on being African/Black more than 52% surveyed, responded yes.



52%



65%

of survey respondents shared that they have experienced violence/discrimination during COVID-19.

When African/Black people in Canada were asked whether they trusted that their healthcare system would treat them fairly during COVID-19, 60.3% responded that they did not trust the healthcare system.



60.3%



64%

of survey respondents has families abroad impacted by COVID-19.

# MEET THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM

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## THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM:

**OUR NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TEAM IS CONSISTS OF BLACK IDENTIFYING MEMBERS FROM DIVERSE SECTORS IN PUBLIC HEALTH, EDUCATION, DISABILITY STUDIES, POLITICAL SCIENCE, LAW, HISTORY, BUSINESS, AND MANY MORE!**

**THEY ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMUNITY AND HAVE ADVOCATED FOR IMPROVED LIVING CONDITIONS FOR AFRICAN/BLACK PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

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*I am so pleased to support the Black Health Matters research project as a member of the National Advisory Committee. The focus on Black health and COVID-19 through research that prioritizes Black voices is critical to understanding the impact this pandemic has had on African/Black communities. These voices are the most important factor in identifying the harms of health inequity and in creating interventions that will improve health outcomes for African/Black communities.*

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*The global Covid-19 pandemic has had and continues to have a significant impact on the Black communities worldwide, including the African Nova Scotian communities in Canada. The Black Health Matters Covid-19 research with it's national and transnational outreach offers a unique opportunity to collaborate and learn together for better intervention solutions, "the African way." This Africentric research approach was what attracted me, the institute, and other African Nova Scotians to this research.*



*Black health has long been neglected in research and practice leading to significant discrimination and health equities. I am therefore delighted to be part of this the Black Health Matters Covid-19 research advisory committee because finally we have an initiative that is being led by Black Health experts who are best placed to understand and address these inequities.*



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Raeanne Francis (MSC) is the Managing Director of the Black community Resource Center (BCRC) a Non-Profit located in Montreal, Quebec. She is committed helping individuals from Black and other marginalized communities overcome the barriers they experience in accessing social, economic, political and environmental resources. She is currently involved in a number of research projects aimed at collecting race based data about the English Speaking Black Community (a double minority community) in Quebec. She became involved in the Black Health Matters Covid-19 project because she believe that collecting race based data is crucial to step in discovering and correcting health disparities and improving health equity.





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