

# AFRICAN/BLACK LIBERATION MONTH



It has been a heavy two years for African/Black communities in Canada and across the globe. The road has been long, but the data collection has been a success.

We are excited to announce the completion of our 2022 data collection portion for the Black Health Matters COVID-19 project. The purpose of this project has been to understand the experiences of Black folk, within Canada and globally, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## WHAT'S NEW?

1. National & Global Focus Group update
2. Global and National survey wrap-up
3. Preliminary Findings Webinar
4. Scoping Review & Publications

***"Liberation is not only a vocal performance, but rather a dance of active doing, Ancestral, living, breathing, experience and knowledge - an organism that changes forms often, always keeping the focus on emancipation and freedom through strategy and resistance!" ( R. Timothy, December 13, 2022)***

# THE FUTURE OF BLACK HEALTH DATA

**It's the end of data collection, but it's also the start of an exciting new future!**

The turnout and participation for our community outreach survey have been outstanding. Between December 22, 2020, and August 29, 2022, we have a total of 1,421 National English speaking participants and 82 National French speaking participants.

Furthermore, the Global English speaking survey received a total of 143 participants, and the Global French speaking survey received a total of 36 participants at the end of 2022. The Spanish speaking survey received a total of 78 participants, and the Portuguese speaking survey received a total of 172 participants.



## **Focus Groups, Focus Groups, & more Focus Groups!**

The Black Health Matters COVID-19 project has had a total of 29 National (Canada-wide) focus groups. With a total of 156 English-speaking participants and a total of 58 French speaking participants. Participants came from all walks of life and were eager to come and share their experiences during the pandemic.

Furthermore, the Global focus groups were equally met with much enthusiasm. We had 5 Spanish speaking, 5 Portuguese-speaking, 5 English speaking, 1 Somali speaking, and 4 French speaking focus groups for a total of 20 Global focus groups and 153 participants in the Summer of 2022.





# WEBINARS & PUBLICATIONS

## WEBINAR

On July 13th, 2022, our first webinar for the project was conducted in which principal investigator Dr. Roberta Timothy held a discussion on the preliminary findings of the research.

The theoretical framework, methodology, data collection methods, and funding for the project were discussed. Moreover, the results highlighted the repeated instances of violence and discrimination experienced by African/Black individuals within various settings such as the workplace, housing, and healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## PUBLICATION

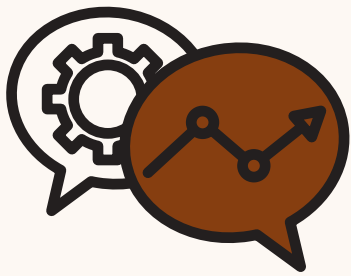
In the fall of 2022, JMIR Research protocols published an article by Dr. Roberta Timothy, Dr. Pascal Djiadeu, and Robert Ainsley Chin-See.

The article discussed the National and Global impact of systemic and structural violence on the effective prevention, treatment, and management of COVID-19 in African or Black communities. Follow the link below to read:

[https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9578518/?report=reader#\\_ffn\\_sectitle](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC9578518/?report=reader#_ffn_sectitle)







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