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There were **1841 service contacts** in this round that answered the Snapshots survey.

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| 1054 (57%) Access Health St Kilda | 584 (31%) North Richmond Community Health | 75 (5%) cohealth Braybrook | 74 (4%) Healthworks Footscray | 74 (4%) Star Health Prahran | 14 (1%) Carrington Health Box Hill/CHOPER |
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1252 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:

37% said "definitely yes" to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine

20% said "probably yes"



18% said "I'm not sure yet"

10% said "probably not"



16% said "definitely not"

Among those reporting that they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=317) have the vaccine, the most common reasons were: »



156 (48%) Vaccine safety concerns

36 (11%) unnecessary as COVID-19 is not serious for most people

33 (10%) Believe COVID-19 is not real

1164 clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

173 (15%) received emergency housing, with **63** clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected (1187 respondents):



March 2021:

Sept 2020:



49%

51%



43%

43%



4%

3%



1%

2%



2%

1%

*Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs



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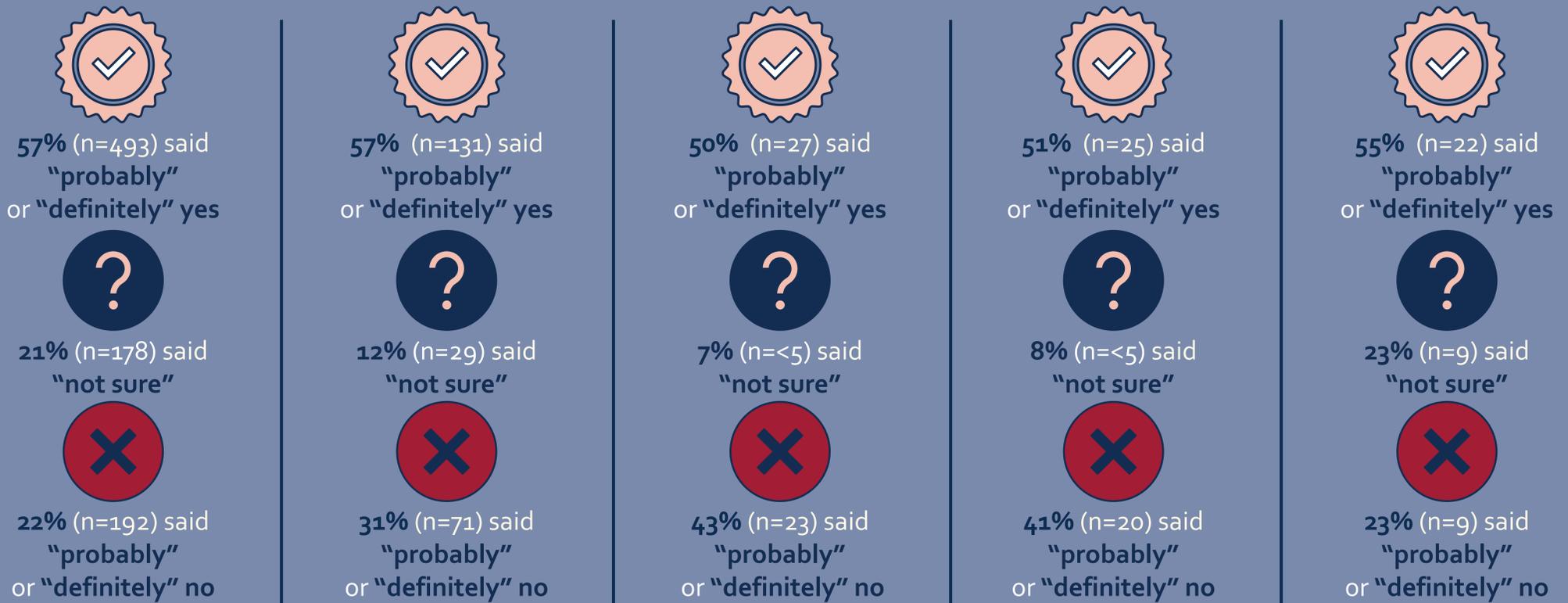
584 (31%)
North Richmond
Community Health

75 (5%)
cohealth
Braybrook

74 (4%)
Healthworks
Footscray

74 (4%)
Star Health
Prahran

1252 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



Among clients reporting that they would “probably not” or “definitely not” (n=317) have the vaccine, the most common reason for all sites was:



“I’m worried the vaccine is not safe”

Last drug injected: *Other: PIEDs, pharmaceuticals, cocaine, MDMA, mixtures



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ACCESS HEALTH ST KILDA

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Access Health and St Kilda 24/7 Needle and Syringe Program



1054 contacts



706 contacts



495 contacts



657 contacts

863 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



57% (n=493) said "probably" or "definitely" yes



21% (n=178) said "not sure"



22% (n=192) said "probably" or "definitely" no

Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=192) have the vaccine, the most common reason was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

784 clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

119 (15%) received emergency housing, with 45 clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected: (n=824)



March 2021:
Sept 2020:



39%
43%

Meth/
amphetamines



53%
50%

PIEDs



5%
3%

Pharmaceuticals



1%
2%

Other*



2%
1%

Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs

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CARRINGTON HEALTH BOX HILL & CHOPER

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14 contacts



41 contacts



37 contacts

- clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



-% (n=-) said "probably" or "definitely" yes



-% (n=-) said "not sure"



-% (n=-) said "probably" or "definitely" no

Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=-) have the vaccine, the most common reason was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

- clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

- (-%) received emergency housing, with - clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected:
(n=-)



March 2021:
Sept 2020:



Heroin
-%
35%



Meth/
amphetamines
-%
61%



PIEDs
-%
<5%



Pharmaceuticals
-%
<5%



Other*
-%
0%

Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs



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NORTH RICHMOND COMMUNITY HEALTH



north richmond
community health

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584
contacts



126
contacts



33
contacts

231 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



57% (n=131)
said "probably"
or "definitely" yes



12%
(n=29)
said "not sure"



31% (n=71)
said "probably"
or "definitely" no

Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=71) have the vaccine, the most common reason was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

223 clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

44 (20%) received emergency housing, with 18 clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected:
(n=208)



March 2021:
Sept 2020:



76%
82%

Meth/
amphetamines



17%
16%

PIEDs



<5%
<5%

Pharmaceuticals



<5%
<5%

Other*



<5%
0%

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COHEALTH BRAYBROOK

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75 contacts



56 contacts



26 contacts

54 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



50% (n=27) said "probably" or "definitely" yes



7% (n=<5) said "not sure"



43% (n=23) said "probably" or "definitely" no

Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=23) have the vaccine, the most common reason was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

55 clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

<5 (<5%) received emergency housing, with zero clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected: (n=54)



March 2021:
Sept 2020:



76%
77%

Meth/amphetamines



20%
21%

PIEDs



<5%
0%

Pharmaceuticals



0%
0%

Other*



0%
<5%

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HEALTHWORKS FOOTSCRAY

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74 contacts



64 contacts



59 contacts



21 contacts

49 clients responded to COVID-19 vaccine acceptability:



51% (n=25) said "probably" or "definitely" yes



8% (n=<5) said "not sure"



41% (n=20) said "probably" or "definitely" no

Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" (n=20) have the vaccine, the most common reason was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

50 clients responded to questions about emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough.

6 (12%) received emergency housing, with <5 clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected: (n=48)



March 2021:
Sept 2020:



73%
63%



17%
27%



6%
<5%



<5%
<5%



<5%
<5%

Other: cocaine, MDMA, mixtures | PIEDs: Performance or Image Enhancing Drugs



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COHEALTH FOOTSCRAY & BRAYBROOK

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FOOTSCRAY



74 contacts

BRAYBROOK



75 contacts



51%
(n=25) said
"probably" or
"definitely" yes

8%
(n=<5) said
"not sure"

41%
(n=20) said
"probably" or
"definitely" no

50%
(n=27) said
"probably" or
"definitely" yes

7%
(n=<5) said
"not sure"

43%
(n=23) said
"probably" or
"definitely" no

Emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough (n=50)

6 (12%) received emergency housing, with <5 clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Among clients reporting they would "probably not" or "definitely not" have the vaccine, the most common reason for both sites was:



"I'm worried the vaccine is not safe"

Emergency accommodation support due to sleeping rough (n=55)

<5 (<5%) received emergency housing, with zero clients receiving ongoing support under that scheme



Last drug injected:



Footscray:
Braybrook



73%
76%

Meth/
amphetamines



17%
20%

PIEDs



6%
<5%

Pharmaceuticals



<5%
0%

Other*



<5%
0%

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