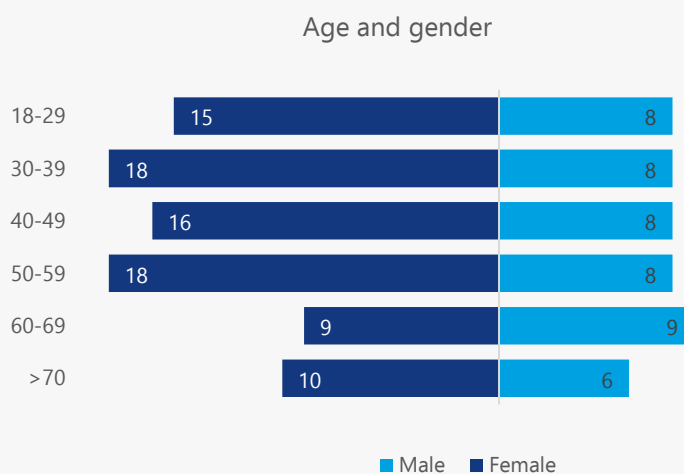
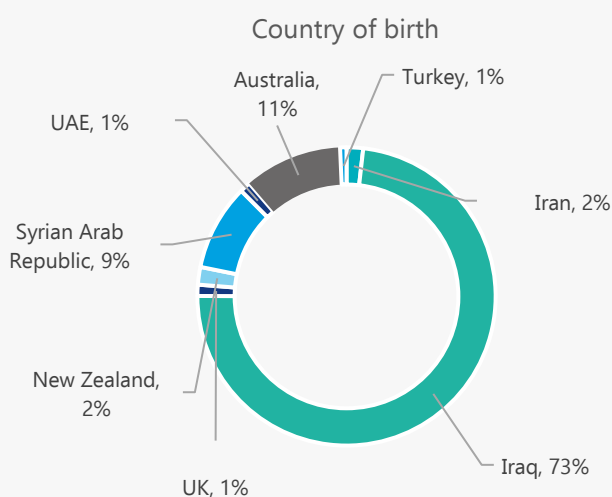


COVID-19 Survey Community Profile Assyrian

A summary of our research into the views of the Assyrian speaking community in Greater Western Sydney about COVID-19, conducted between 21/03/21 and 09/07/21

- 133 people who speak Assyrian as their main language at home took part
- 68% speak English very well/well (90 out of 133)
- 61% read Assyrian very well/well (81 out of 133)
- 54% adequate health literacy (72 out of 133)

- Average 3.1/10 score for risk perception
- 41% would say Yes to a vaccine
- 80% would get tested 'No matter what'
- Top source for COVID-19 information was Australian commercial sources (63%)



Top Sources for COVID-19 Information

- 1. Australian commercial source (63%):** Australian commercial TV (84%); Australian news/magazine website (14%)
- 2. Official Australian source (58%):** Australian public TV (73%); Health professional (52%); Australian government websites (28%)
- 3. Social media (41%):** Facebook (94%); YouTube (39%); Instagram (30%)
- 4. Friends or family living in Australia (32%):** living in Australia longer than the participant (88%)

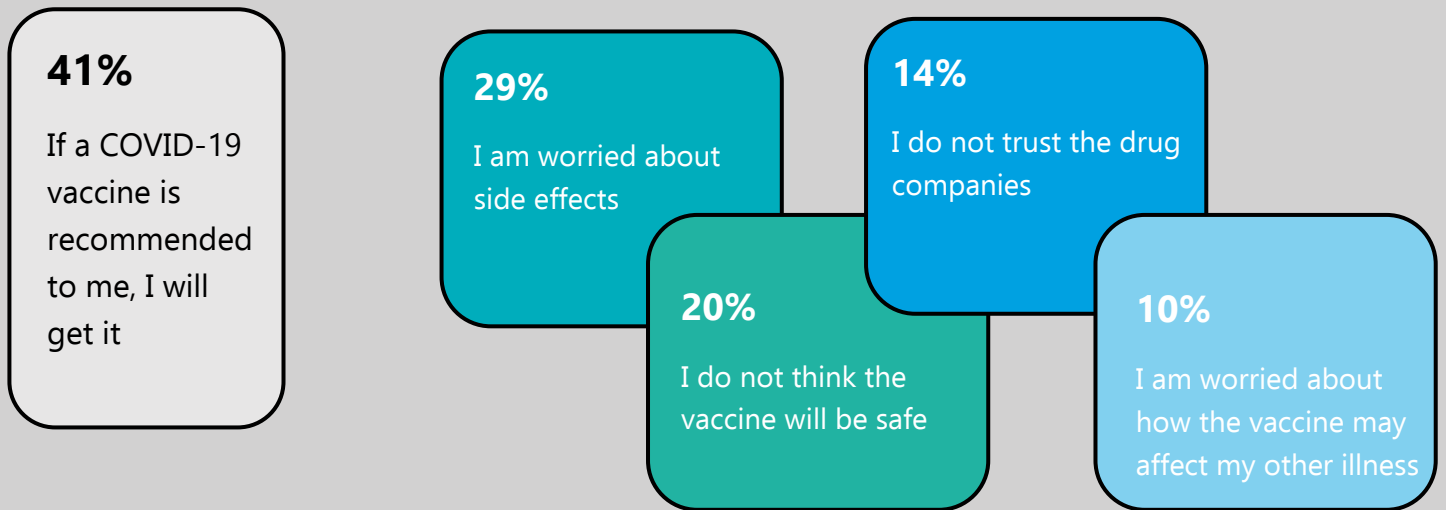
33% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

Average of **5.6** out of 10 for difficulty finding COVID-19 information in Assyrian that is easy to understand*

Average of **4.2** out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand*

*where 10 = extremely difficult

Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine

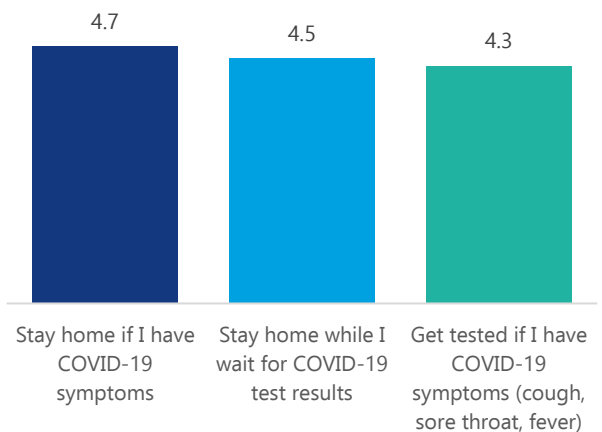


- Risk perception very low (average of 3.1 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.5 out of 5)

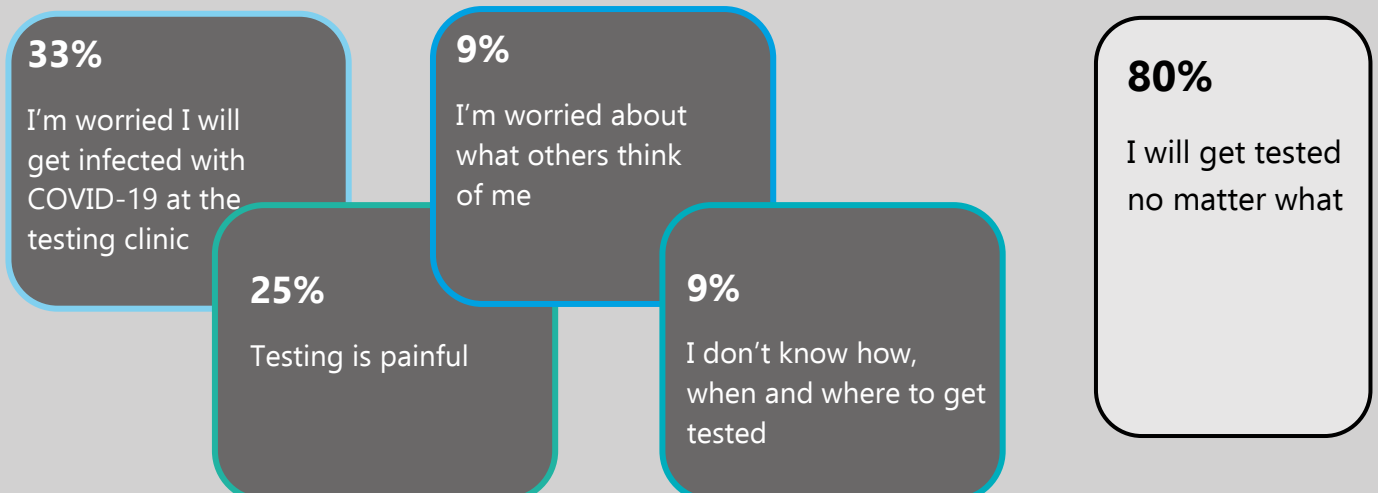
On a scale of 0 to 10, how serious a public health problem do you think COVID-19 is currently, in Australia?



Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree,
In the next 4 weeks, I will...



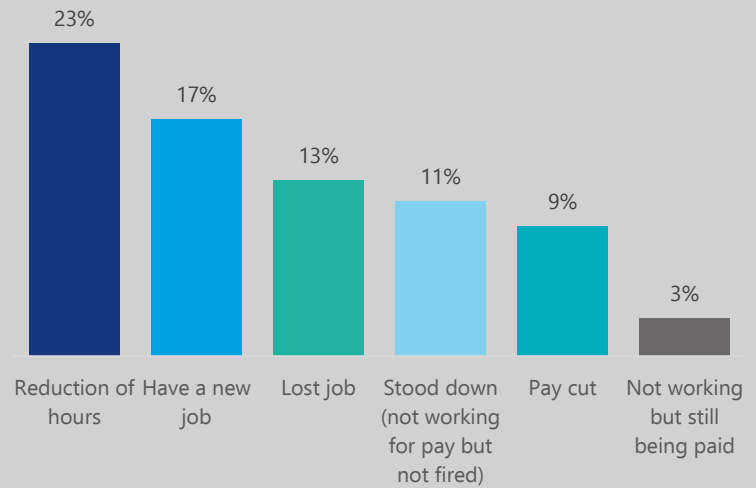
Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19



Impacts of COVID-19: **Employment**

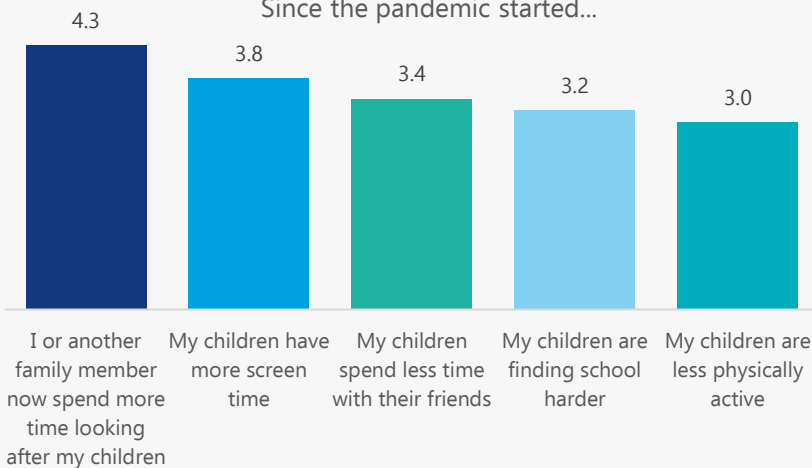
- **18%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **29%** said they were 'Not at all' or 'A little bit' able to meet their **weekly expenses**. **29%** were 'Somewhat' able to, and **42%** said 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much'
- **50%** said they were 'Not at all' or 'A little bit' worried about the **financial problems** they will have in the future as a result of the pandemic. **21%** were 'Somewhat' worried, and **29%** said that they were 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much' worried

How has your employment changed?



Impacts of COVID-19: **Relationships + Children**

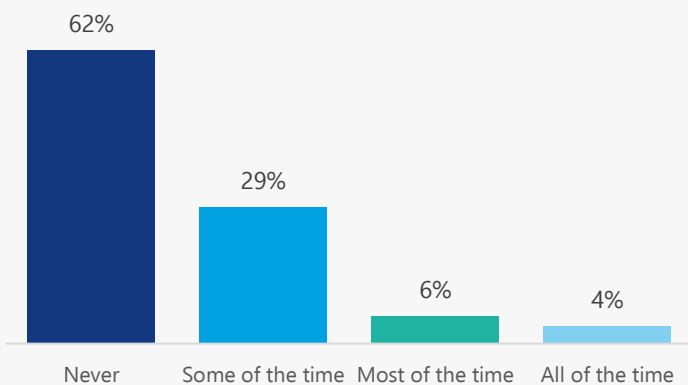
Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree, Since the pandemic started...



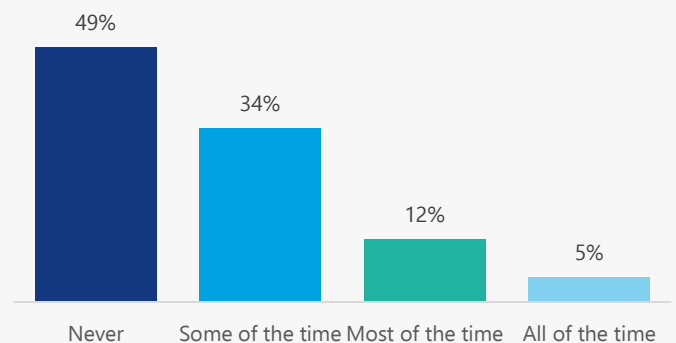
- **88%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **10%** said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner
- **3%** said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner

Impacts of COVID-19: **Mental Health**

Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely because of COVID-19?



Over the past week, how often have you felt nervous or "stressed" because of COVID-19?



Notes

Raw counts are shown in the age and gender figure on page 1. Elsewhere in the report, counts were re-weighted to reflect the population profile in Greater Western Sydney.

This data was collected between 21st March and 9th July 2021. At the time of writing (2nd August 2021), the most recent outbreak commenced on 17th June 2020, and reached 448 cases by day 23 (9th July) when the survey closed.

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And resources for Nepean Blue Mountains LHD at <https://www.nbmlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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