

# COVID-19 Survey Community Profile Dinka

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

- 63 people who speak Dinka as their main language at home took part
- 98% speak English very well/well (62 out of 63)
- 66% read Dinka very well/well (41 out of 63)
- 74% adequate health literacy (47 out of 63)



Average 5.5/10 score for risk perception



49% would say Yes to a vaccine: main barrier is worry about side effects

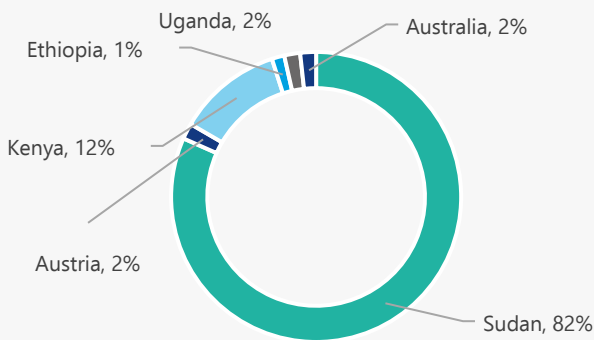


74% would get tested 'No matter what'

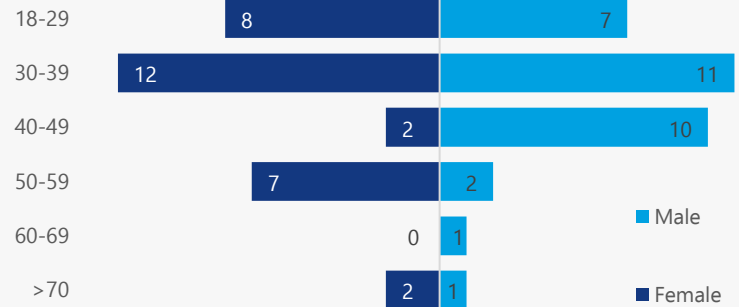


Top source for COVID-19 information was official Australian source (67%)

Country of birth



Age and gender



## Top Sources for COVID-19 Information

1. **Official Australian source (67%):** Australian public TV (91%); Health professional (42%); Australian government websites (27%); Australian public radio or podcasts (21%)
2. **Social media (65%):** Facebook (85%); YouTube (39%); Instagram (36%)
3. **Australian commercial source (55%):** Australian commercial TV (87%); Australian news/magazine website (24%)

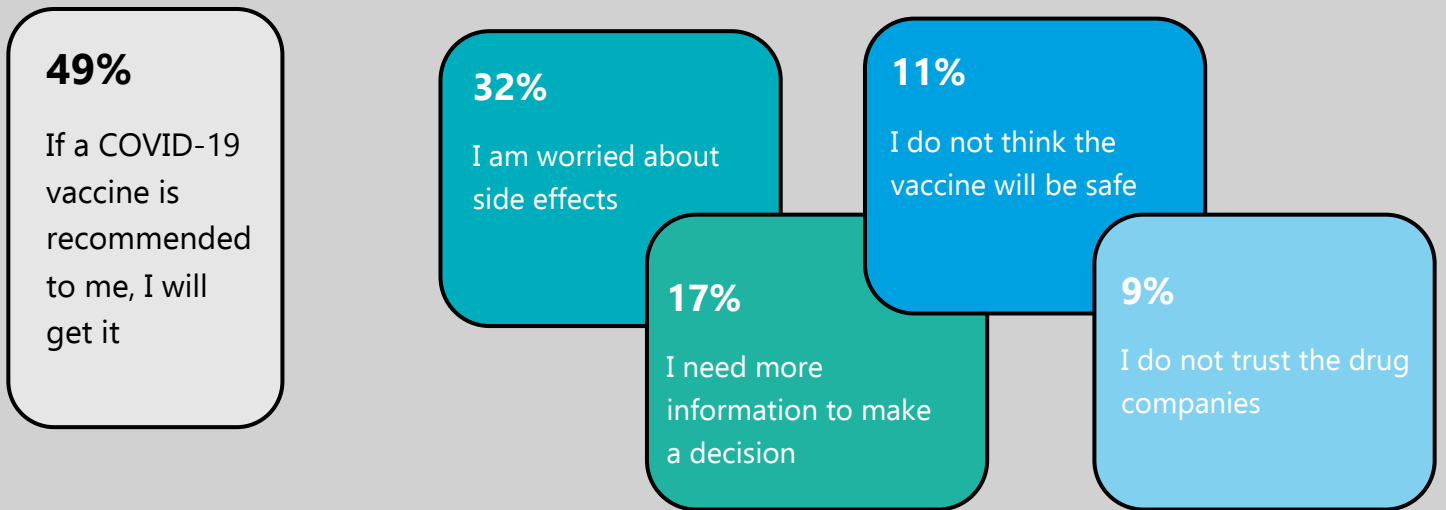
5% get information about COVID-19 in a language other than English

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

Average of 2.6 out of 10 for difficulty finding information in English that is easy to understand\*

\*where 10 = extremely difficult

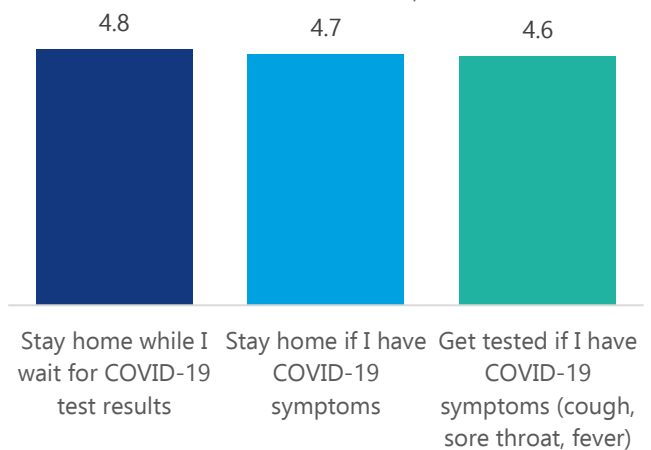
## Top barriers to getting a COVID-19 vaccine



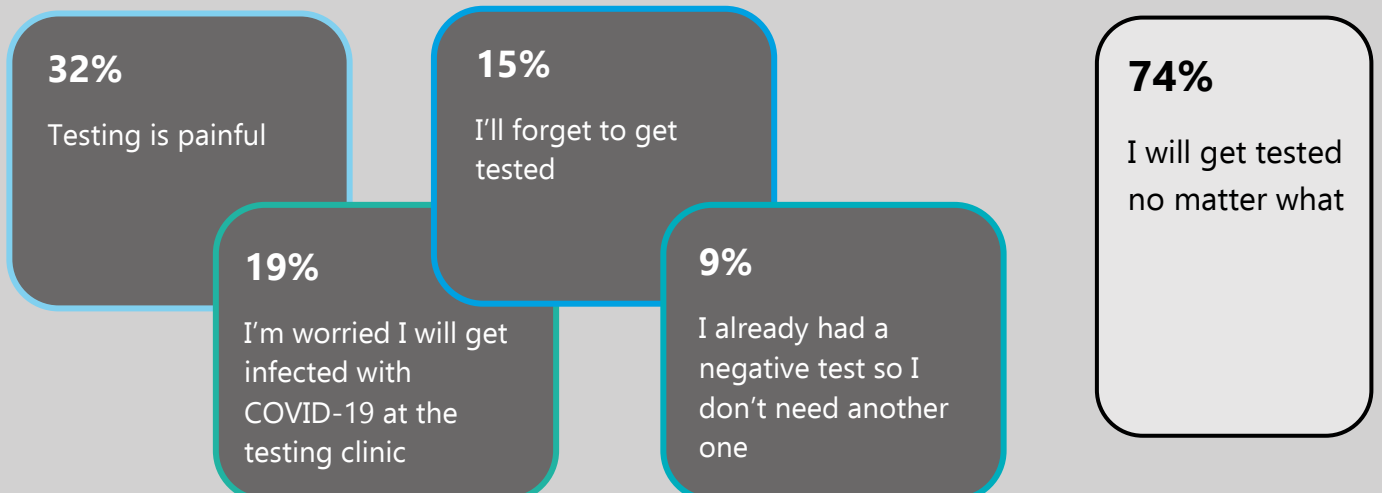
Where 1 is strongly disagree and 5 is strongly agree,  
In the next 4 weeks, I will...

- Risk perception medium (average of 5.5 out of 10)
- High intentions to perform COVID-19 prevention behaviours (average of 4.7 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?



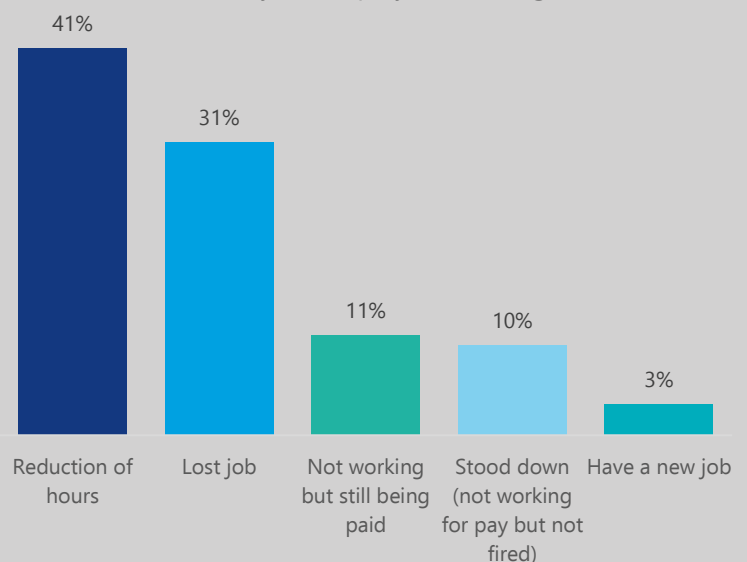
## Top barriers to getting tested for COVID-19



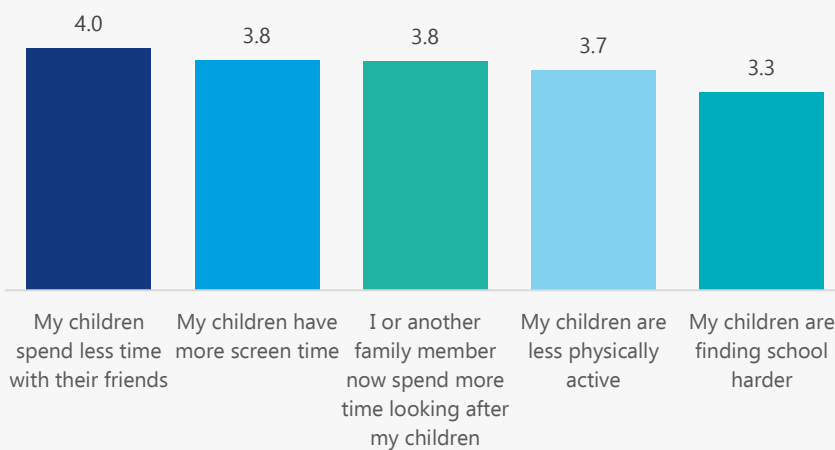
## Impacts of COVID-19: **Employment**

- **40%** said their employment had changed as a result of COVID-19
- **24%** said they were 'Not at all' or 'A little bit' able to meet their **weekly expenses**. **16%** were 'Somewhat' able to, and **59%** said 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much'
- **23%** 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. **15%** were 'Somewhat' worried, and **62%** said that they were 'Quite a bit' or 'Very much' worried

How has your employment changed?



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

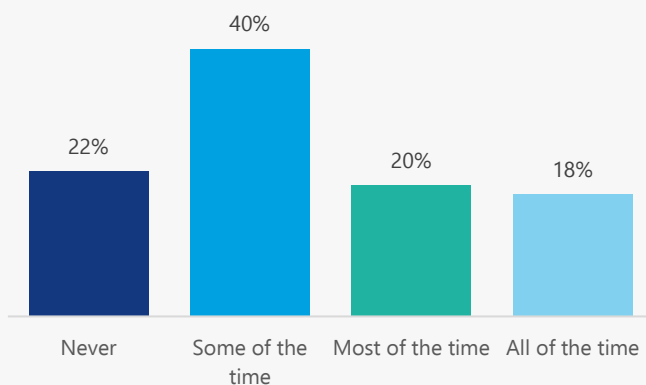


## Impacts of COVID-19: **Relationships + Children**

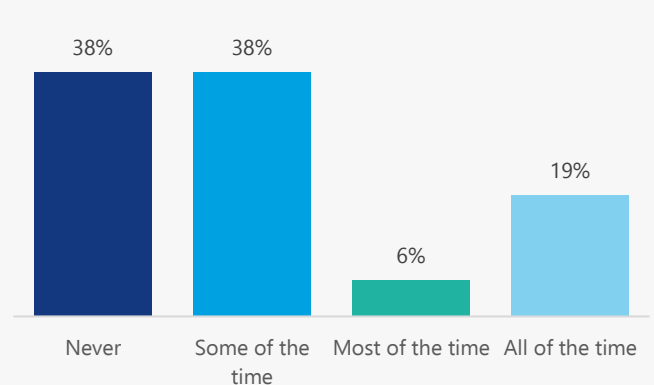
- **70%** said COVID-19 has had no effect on their relationship with their partner
- **19%** said COVID-19 has had negative effects on their relationship with their partner
- **11%** said COVID-19 has had positive effects on their relationship with their partner

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

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



Over the past week, how often have you felt alone or lonely 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 21<sup>st</sup> March and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021. At the time of writing (2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021), the most recent outbreak commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020, and reached 448 cases by day 23 (9<sup>th</sup> July) when the survey closed.

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You can find COVID-19 community resources for Western Sydney LHD at <https://www.wslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

Resources for South Western Sydney LHD at <https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/>

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

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