Research Summary: Addressing COVID-19 Testing Inequities Among Underserved Populations in Massachusetts (MA)

- Community health centers (CHC) have played a critical role in addressing the COVID-19 testing needs of historically disadvantaged communities.
- We **explored the views of COVID-19 testing barriers** in six MA communities that are predominately low-income.
- Our findings were used to **build community-specific strategies** to address testing inequities.

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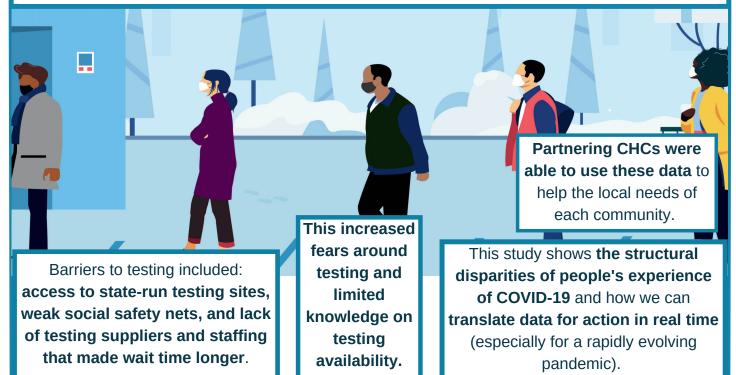
WHO PARTICIPATED

107 CHC staff, community partners and residents

We did **qualitative interviews over Zoom and phone**. Resident interviews were conducted in English, Vietnamese, Arabic and Spanish.

WHAT WE DID

WHAT WE FOUND



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