

Municipal Public Health Officials COVID Impact Survey: Franklin County Responses

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

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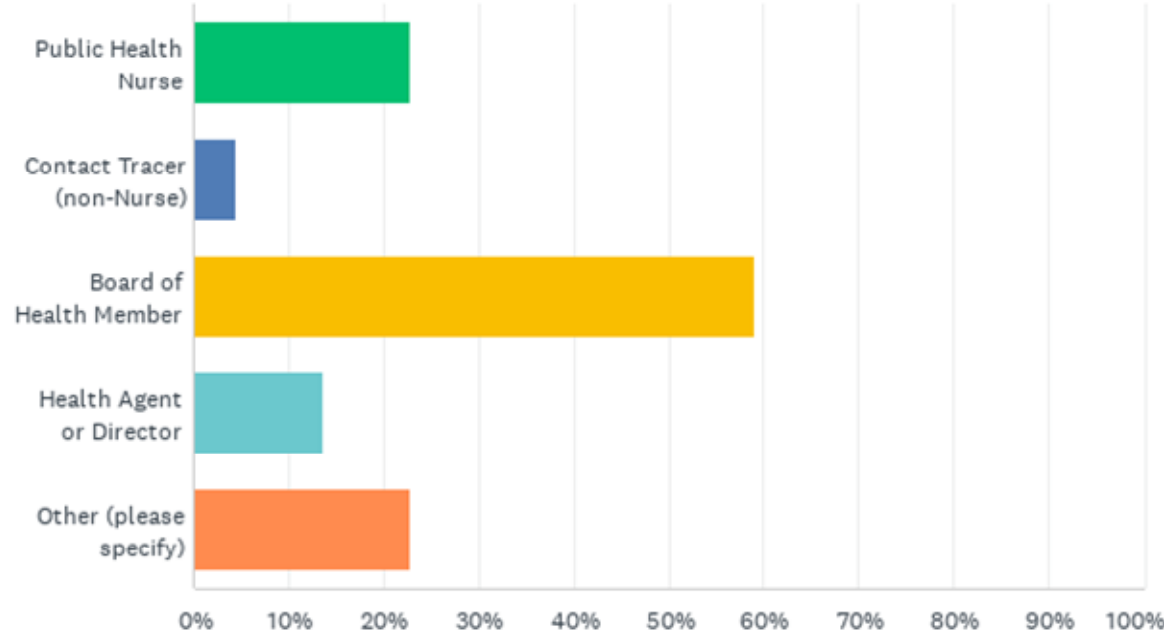
Total Responses

Date Created: Thursday, August 19, 2021

Complete Responses: 22

Q2: What is your position/role? Check all that apply.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



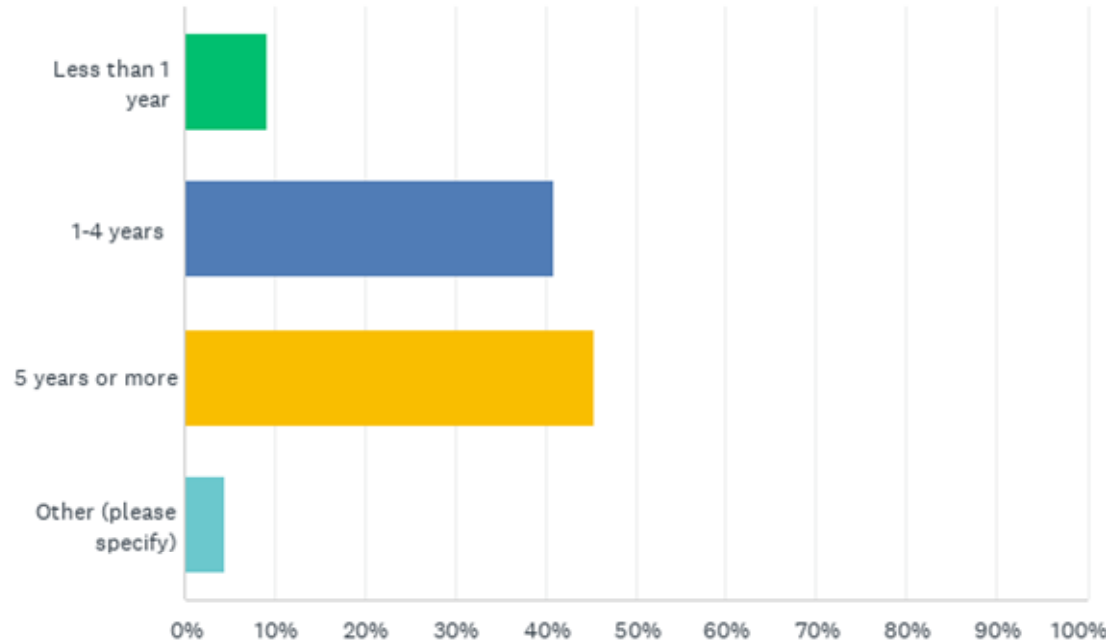
Q2: What is your position/role? Check all that apply.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Health Nurse	22.73%	5
Contact Tracer (non-Nurse)	4.55%	1
Board of Health Member	59.09%	13
Health Agent or Director	13.64%	3
Other (please specify)	22.73%	5
Total Respondents: 22		

Q3: How long have you worked in public health in Western Massachusetts?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0



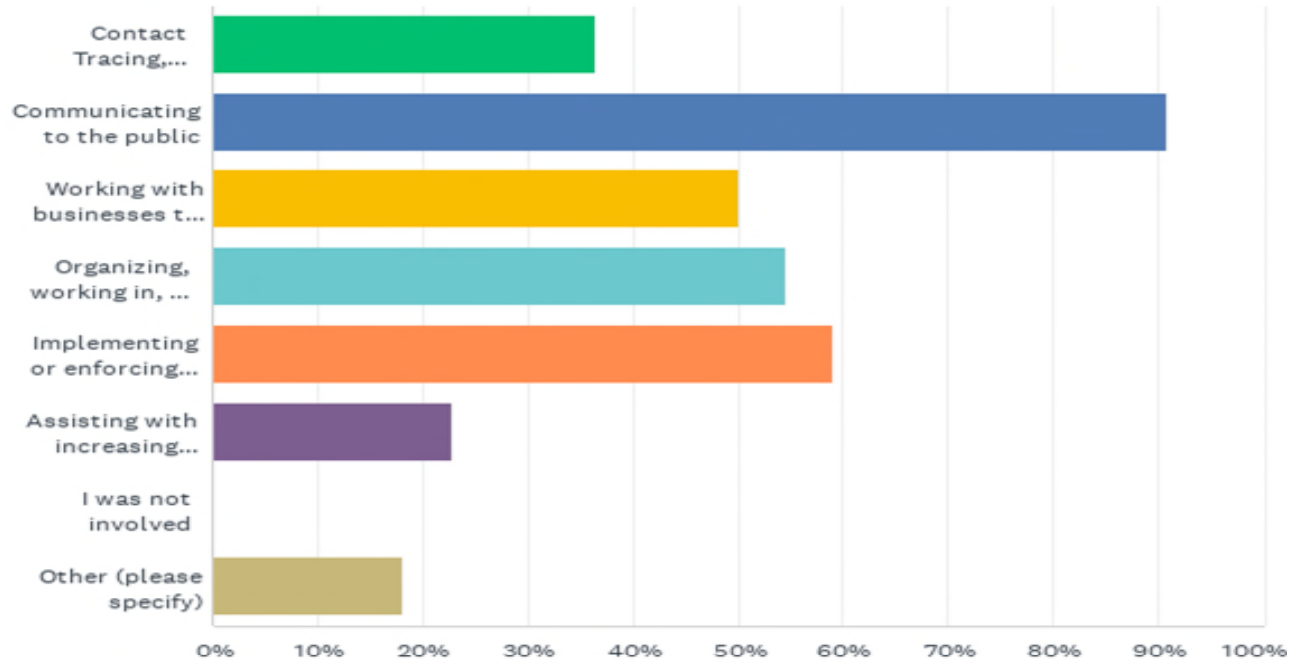
Q3: How long have you worked in public health in Western Massachusetts?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	9.09%	2
1-4 years	40.91%	9
5 years or more	45.45%	10
Other (please specify)	4.55%	1
TOTAL		22

Q4: How were you involved with COVID response? Select all that apply.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0

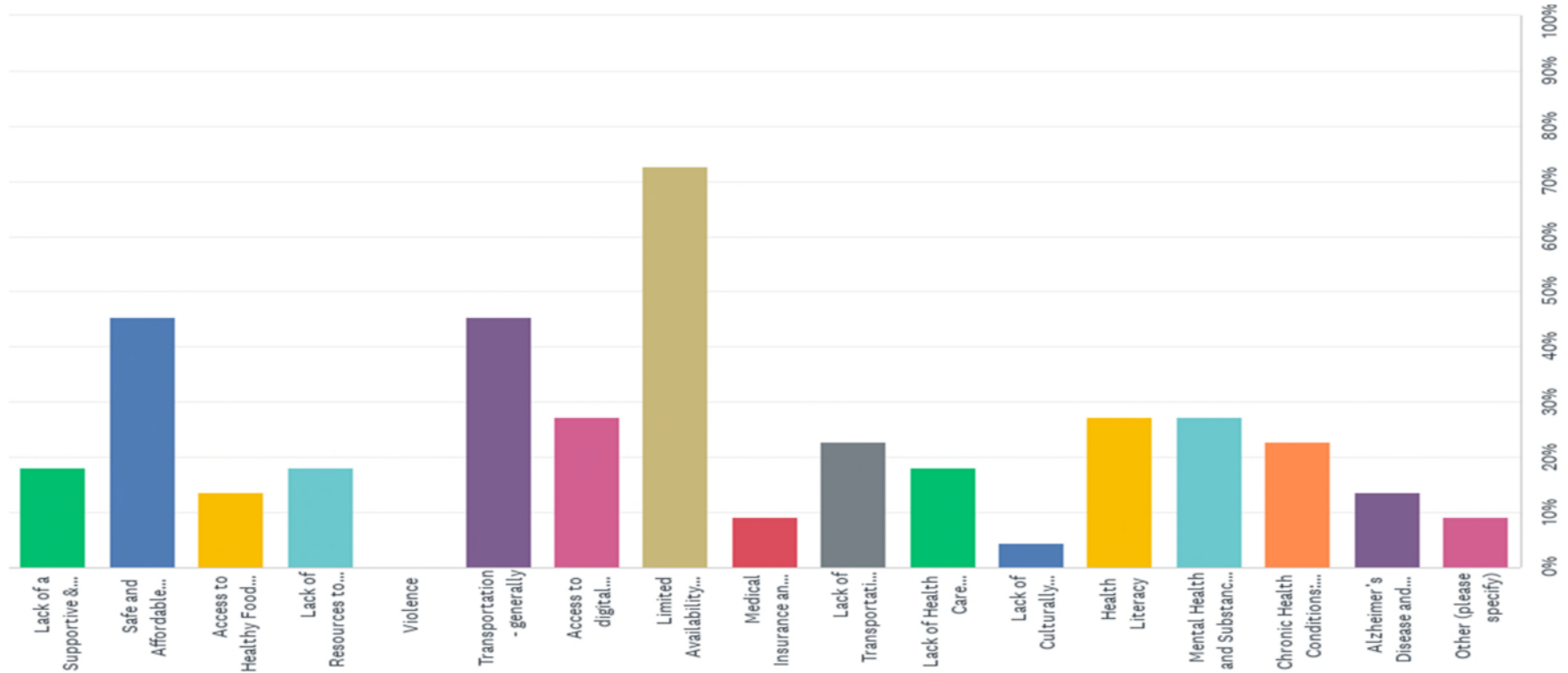


Q4: How were you involved with COVID response? Select all that apply.

Answered: 22 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine	36.36%	8
Communicating to the public	90.91%	20
Working with businesses to help them understand and follow business guidance.	50.00%	11
Organizing, working in, or volunteering in Covid vaccination clinics.	54.55%	12
Implementing or enforcing mask mandates.	59.09%	13
Assisting with increasing access to COVID testing in your community.	22.73%	5
I was not involved	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	18.18%	4
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Q6: Aside from COVID, what are the 3 most urgent needs/problems in your service area?



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of a Supportive & Welcoming Social Environment	18.18%	4
Safe and Affordable Housing	45.45%	10
Access to Healthy Food and Places to be Active	13.64%	3
Lack of Resources to Meet Basic Needs	18.18%	4
Violence	0.00%	0
Transportation - generally	45.45%	10
Access to digital technology (e.g. cell phone service, phones or computers, high-speed internet)	27.27%	6
Limited Availability of Medical Providers	72.73%	16
Medical Insurance and Health Care-related Challenges	9.09%	2
Lack of Transportation to Access Medical Care	22.73%	5
Lack of Health Care Coordination	18.18%	4
Lack of Culturally Relevant Medical Care and Language Barriers	4.55%	1
Health Literacy	27.27%	6
Mental Health and Substance Use	27.27%	6
Chronic Health Conditions: Diabetes, Asthma, COPD, etc.	22.73%	5
Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia	13.64%	3
Other (please specify)	9.09%	2
Total Respondents: 22		

Non-COVID Health Priorities Identified by Franklin County Public Health Officials

- Priority social & economic determinants that impact health: **Safe and Affordable Housing and Transportation (a tie)**
- Priority barriers to accessing quality medical care: **Limited Availability of Medical Providers**
- Priority medical conditions and behaviors: **Health Literacy and Mental Health and Substance Use (a tie)**

Q7: Are there specific groups of people in the community whose health and well-being you are most concerned about?

1. Older adults: those lacking social support, those with chronic diseases, the homebound elderly
2. People living in poverty: families with young children, rural people, food insecure people
3. Youth, especially: disenfranchised, those with mental health needs
4. Migrant workers, farmworkers in Franklin County
5. People with Opioid Use Disorder

Q 8: What community assets did you discover during your work on COVID?

Community Level Asset Answers

- Informal support networks (rides, food shopping, checking on folks)
- Town-organized groups, including COVID Teams/Task Forces that communicated to the public and helped meet the needs of the vulnerable
- Emergency Dispensing Site Plans and Planning Groups
- Faith Communities
- Councils on Aging
- School Nurses
- Senior Centers
- Town Newspaper, Robo-Calls

Q 8: What community assets did you discover during your work on COVID?

Agency/Regional Asset Answers

- FRCOG
- Emergency Dispensing Site Plans and Planning Groups
- Life Path
- Community Health Center of Franklin County
- Regional Schools
- Community Action – esp food pantry delivery
- Regional Health Districts
- Senior Centers
- Vaccine Collaboratives
- Food Bank
- MRC
- TRIAD