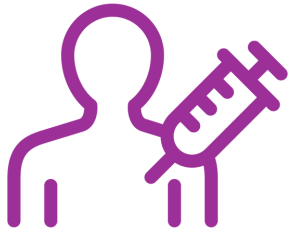


# COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake & Attitudes Among 2SLGBTQ+ Youth and Young Adults Experiencing Homelessness (16 - 29 years old)



In the Greater Toronto Area and Surrounding Areas



**44%** have received the vaccine



**33%** plan on receiving the vaccine



**12%** refuse to get the vaccine



**11%** were unsure about receiving the vaccine

## Factors Associated with Vaccine Non-Confidence and Refusal



Accelerated vaccine development



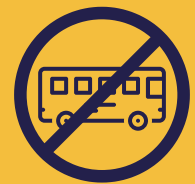
Potential side effects



Medical mistrust and past discrimination



Fear of needles



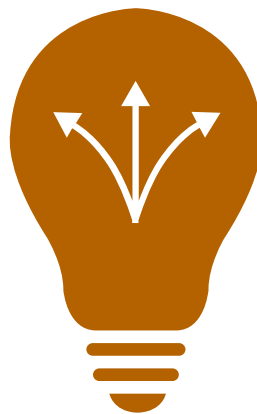
Lack of transport and accessible vaccination clinics

## Strategies to Build Vaccine Confidence and Increase Vaccine Uptake

**Prioritize 2SLGBTQ+ youth** experiencing homelessness

Staff vaccination clinics with trusted 2SLGBTQ+ **inclusive and trauma-informed workers**

**Provide incentives** to increase vaccine uptake in a timely manner



**Engage peer ambassadors** to disseminate youth-friendly vaccine-related information

Educate frontline staff on how to **discuss COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy with youth**

Ensure youth have **accessible vaccination options** (location, time of day)