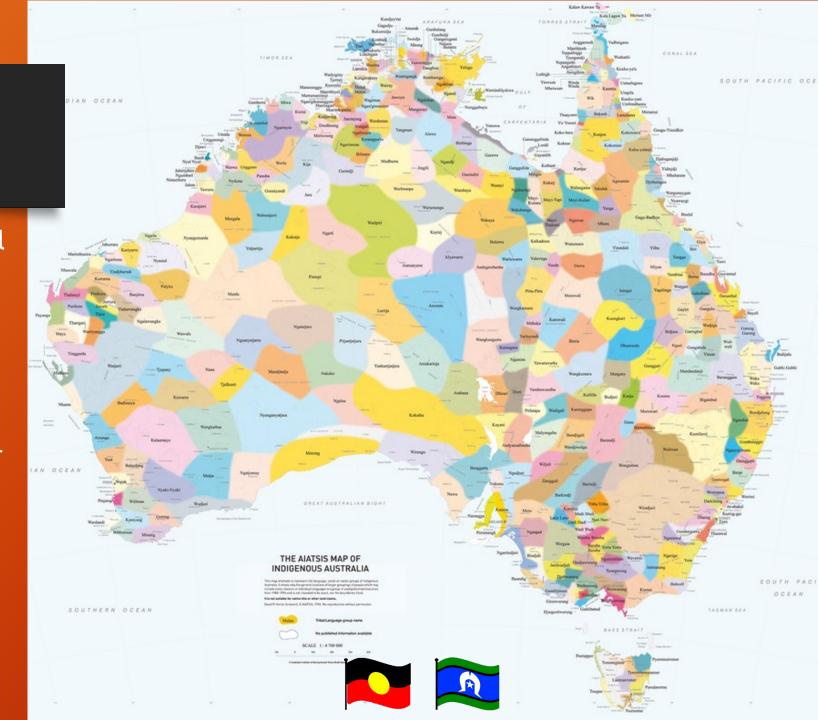


Key issues for First Nations health consumers: COVID-19 in our communities

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

- Let us acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the lands we are all living and working on today.
- Let us pay our respects to their Elders past present and emerging. Let us acknowledge their ongoing connection to the land and waters and that their sovereignty was never ceded.



WHO ARE WE?



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A BIT OF BACKGROUND

- Amplifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices Project
 - March 2021 - October 2021

 - 189 consumers engaged
 Various modes (online forums, yarning circles, project reference group, solution design workshop, staff online survey, rapid response).
- November 2021-December 2021
 - Review the QAIHC family Plan
 - Review the Community Champion concept



First Nations Health Consumer Yarns: COVID in our Communities

- The group was brought back together to share their experiences over the New Year surge.
- 2 online sessions held on 17 January:

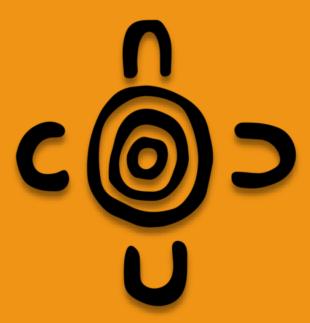
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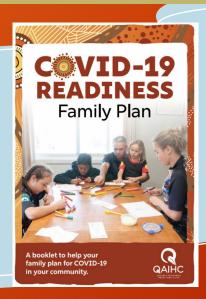


What was done well?

Vaccination roll out



QAIHC family plans



There was good and quality information



Getting tested should have been easier

"If people need things and do not have the support or know of where to get the support, they will probably just go out and get it themselves. This can cause outbreaks, especially in small towns" – First Nations Health Consumer.

Vax side effects were not talked about enough

"When the nurses and doctors didn't believe my side effects it made me feel very upset and like I wasn't being listened to"

- First Nations Health Consumer.

Assessing and monitoring misinformation

"It is no longer an issue about if the information is there, now it is a choice for people to take on the right information". – First Nations Health Consumer

Empowering community to identify misinformation



Facebook posts share false claim that Singapore Conducted the World's first Covid-19 autopsy Published on Tuesday 10 August 2021 at 17:39 Copyright AFP 2017-2022. All rights reserved. Facebook posts share a claim attributed to Singapore's Ministry of Health saying that the city-state conducted the first Covid-19 autopsy and discovered the disease is caused by a bacterium, not a virus. But the claims are false; the first Covid-19 autopsy was a virus, but the ciaims are tasse; the first covid-19 autopsy was conducted in China in February 2020, Health authorities and conducted in contra in representative contraction in contract of the contract CoV-2. Singapore's Health Ministry have also said the claims are The claim was published here on Facebook on July 17, 2021. The post's lengthy caption, written in English and Mandarin, partly says: "Singapore has become the first country in the world to conduct an autopsy (post-mortem) on Covid-19 corpses. After a thorough investigation, it was discovered that Covid-19 does not exist as a virus, but a bacterium that is exposed to radiation and coagulates the blood "In order to find out the reason for the lack of breathing energy, doctors in Singapore did not follow WHO's procedures, but performed The text is attributed to "the Ministry of Health of Singapore".

Tailored comms is more than language

"You can't just translate generic messages and that's it, you need to also include cultural considerations". — First Nations Health Consumer

Examples of community adapted resources

WAYS YUMI CAN REDUCE HOUSEHOLD TRANSMISSION COVID-19

E easy for Covid por spread inside lor house. Take steps for avoid passing on germs.

Isolation room tips

- If someone whotha gad Covid is isolating in a room or bedroom, the infected air may till get out from the cracks underneath lor door.
- Put towel or fabric underneath lor door for stap infected air for get out



TALKING TO YUMI KIDS ABOUT COVID-19

Think of Covid-19 germs like wet paint on your hands

Covid-19 germs e invisible.

That is why e easy for catch.

You can think of Covid-19 germs like e paint.

If someone whotha gad Covid and thempla e cough or sniz on thempla hands, they now gad the germ on their hands.



Invest in community to distribute information

"Mob know how to talk to mob. It is a missed opportunity when they are not utilised" – First Nations Health Consumer

Suggested Actions

More promotion about social supports

More priority testing and testing options

Develop communications in partnership with communities

Invest in community to distribute resources

Invest in community to assess information