



Knowledge about COVID-19 among Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

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Respondents' demographics

The sample included 67% women and 33% men. 44% of respondents lived in urban areas and 56% lived in rural areas. 30% lived in informal tented settlements. The locations of respondents at the governorate level were as follows: 25% lived in Mount Lebanon, 24% in Beqaa, 13% in the North, 14% in Baalbek/Hammat, 14% in Akkar, 5% in the South, 2% in Beirut, and 1% in Nabatieh.

4% of respondents reported having tested positive for COVID-19 and 4% reported that someone in their household tested positive.

Among respondents who did not test positive and who had no household members test positive, 26% reported that they knew someone who had tested positive. Over 1/3 (34%) either tested positive, had someone in their household who tested positive, or knew someone who did. Furthermore, 6% of respondents said they have been vaccinated. 26% reported having registered to get vaccinated.

In addition to those who were vaccinated and those who registered to get vaccinated, another 26% said that they planned to get vaccinated at some point in the future. Overall, 52% were either vaccinated, registered, or planned to get vaccinated.

Demographics	
Women	67%
Lives in urban province/rural	44/56%
Lives in informal tented settlements (ITS)	30%
COVID-19 exposure	
-- tested positive	4%
-- if no, Someone in their household tested positive	6%
-- if no, know someone who has tested positive	26%
COVID-19 vaccines	
have received	6%
-- if no, Registered to get vaccinated	26%
-- if no, Plan to get vaccinated	26%

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