## 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**

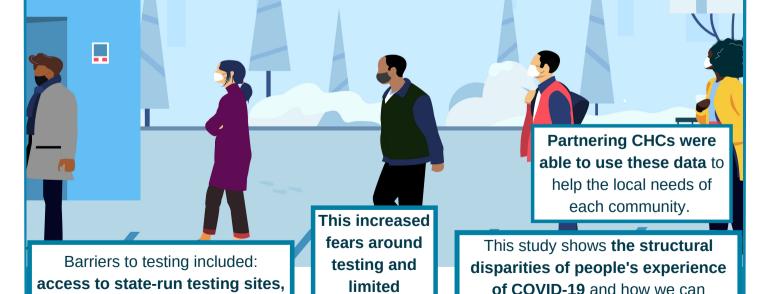
**107** CHC staff, community partners and residents

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

## WHAT WE DID



## WHAT WE FOUND



knowledge on

testing

availability.

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weak social safety nets, and lack

of testing suppliers and staffing

that made wait time longer.

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translate data for action in real time

(especially for a rapidly evolving

pandemic).