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The Justice, Housing, and Health Study (JustHouHS) is a research project investigating how mass incarceration, housing instability, and housing policies are related to health and sexual risk. New Haven is the site of a case study to better understand these issues. We conducted a survey of 400, and interviews with 54, low-income New Haven residents, half of whom were released from prison or jail within a year of study enrollment. Participants came in every six months for two years to give us their input.

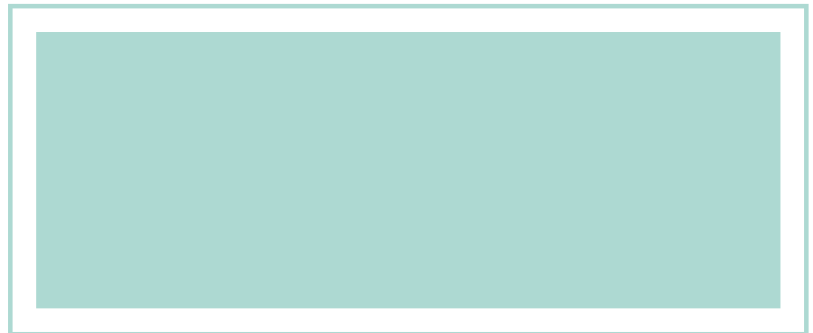
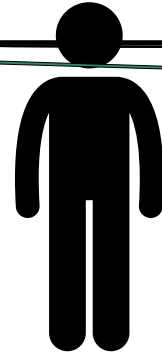
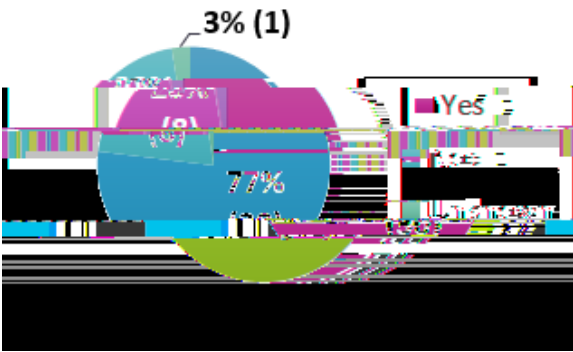
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In May and June of 2020, we talked to 39 JustHouHS participants about how their lives had changed since the start of COVID-19. Nearly two thirds (24 people) were Black, four were White, and 11 identified as more than one race and/or ethnicity. Fifteen were women, nearly two thirds were men (24), and all were between 26 to 64-years-old.

This report is a summary of these conversations. For JustHouHS participants, the pandemic has affected every aspect of their lives. Housing challenges, limited incomes, limited access to health care, and criminal justice involvement create vulnerability to the disease itself. The pandemic has also exposed unjust systems that unequally burden low-income Black and Brown communities and a]!wn"mMM

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JustHouHS participants stated that they wore masks in public and avoided social interactions outside of the home. Other precautions participants took included washing hands, using hand sanitizer, wearing gloves, disinfecting mail and groceries, and cleaning their homes. Some reported avoiding public transportation altogether.



"We're stacked up with all kinds of cleaning supplies, all kinds of bleaches, stuff to sanitize the bathrooms and stuff with. We clean the bathrooms five times a day. Every time we clean, we got two boxes of gloves, we wipe down the doors, the doorknob, keep everything sanitized." - Addison (June 2020)



"I was kind of frightened and worried and I - my house is already clean, but I really bleached it down." - Trinity (May 2020)



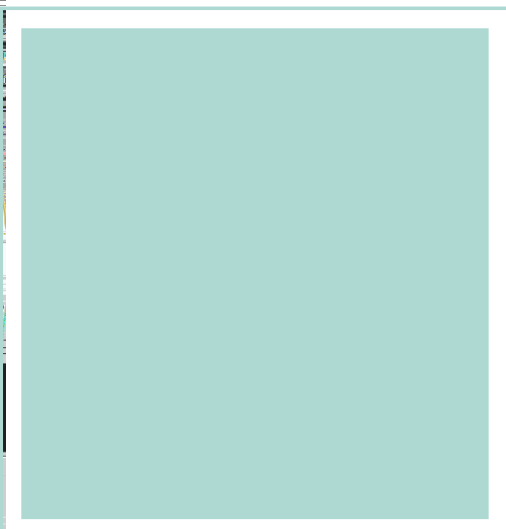
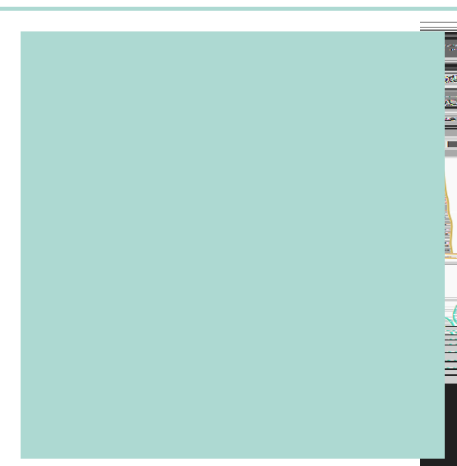
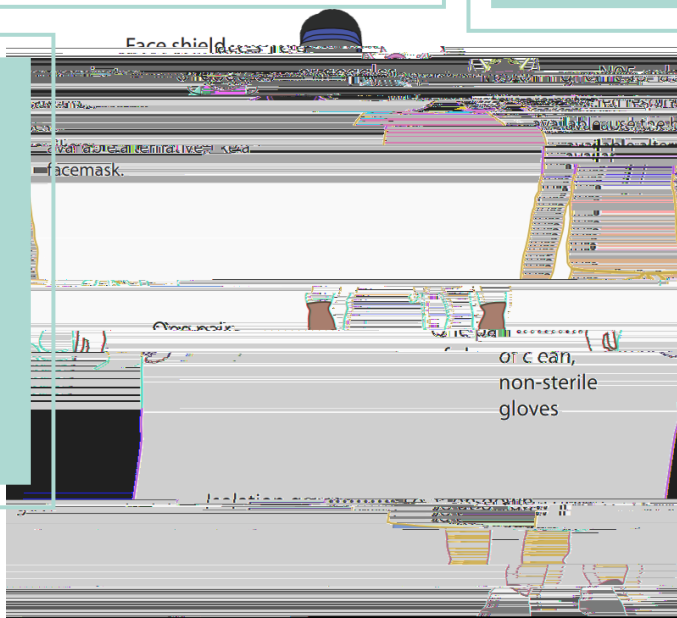
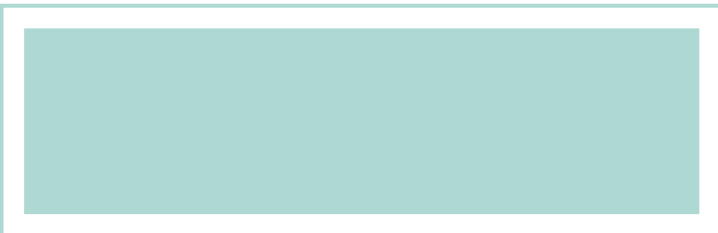
"I have to go grocery stores, but I put a mask and gloves on and wash my hands, you know, when I get home and stuff, so. And, you know, I go to the Elm Market or walk to Ferraro's. I don't take the bus. That's one thing that's changed. I haven't been on a bus in - since the beginning of this thing ..." - Sammy (May 2020)



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JustHouHS participants who are essential workers, many of whom work in health care, report we're rs, m

"If you want me to be honest, sometimes we have proper PPE, sometimes we don't. Like right now we don't have too many gowns, so we're using kitchen aprons and, um, the nightgowns from the hospitals..." - Leah, CNA (May 2020)









We are excited to announce that we received funding to conduct another survey this fall. We can send you a link to the new survey so that you can take it from home. If you need support to take the survey, we can help you over the phone. We will figure it out together – we are here for you. Please text us if your contact