Impacts of Long COVID in Aotearoa New Zealand







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- People in Aotearoa New Zealand
 - Had COVID-19 before Dec 2021
 - Aged 16 or over
 - Sent invitation letter via MOH
 - Sent SMS via MOH
- Online surveys, in depth interview or both
- Surveys are at covidaotearoa.com
 - 1,000 completed some or all
 - Preliminary results from 373 people













Long COVID Symptoms

vomiting chestpain taste skinrash throat runnynose fever breathing headache cough ptsd jointpain anxiety tachycardia dizziness fatigue appetite hairloss brainfog sob tingling stomach smell periods weakness diarrhoea muscleaches depression





Long COVID Symptoms







Impact on Daily Life: Māori







Impact on Daily Life: non-Māori



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Challenges for Māori with Long COVID

I did not feel understood (43%) I did not know when it would end (61%)

I was scared and

unsure what to do

next (52%)

My doctor thought I was still contagious, even months later (18%)

> My doctor did not refer me to a specialist (35%)

I did not feel listened to (48%)

> My doctor didn't know what to do next (32%)

I didn't know who to ask for help or support (52%) My doctor didn't recommend or provide wrap around support (32%)

My specialist referral was not accepted _____ (13%)

> I cannot get good information about vaccines for people with long COVID (50%)

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Challenges for non-Māori with Long I asked for help but

I did not feel understood (52%)

I did not feel

listened to (44%)

I did not know when it would end (76%)

I was scared an unsure what to do next (42%)

My doctor didn't recommend or provide wrap around

did not get any help

or support (32%)

support (49%)

My specialist referral was not accepted (4%)

> I cannot get good information about vaccines for people with long COVID (40%)

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My doctor thought I was still contagious, even months later (8%)

> My doctor did not refer me to a specialist (34%)

My doctor didn't know what to do next (43%)

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I didn't know who to ask for help or support (37%)

Suggested improvements to care: Māori







Suggested improvements to care: non-Māori





