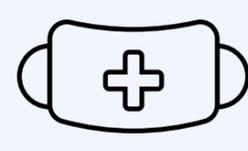


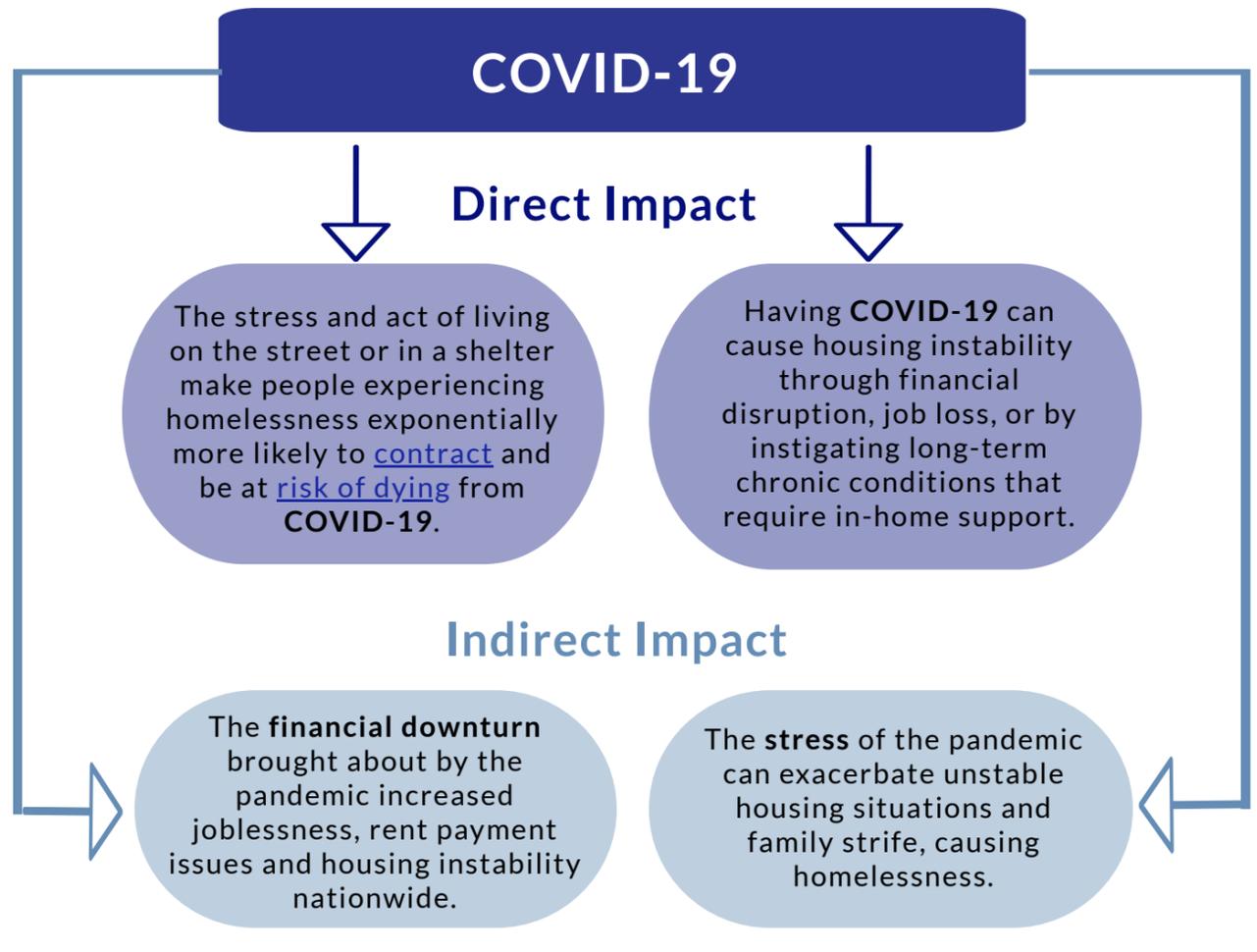
The Relationship Between Homelessness and COVID-19 in NYC



The COVID-19 pandemic brought to light the **interdependence** between housing stability and health.

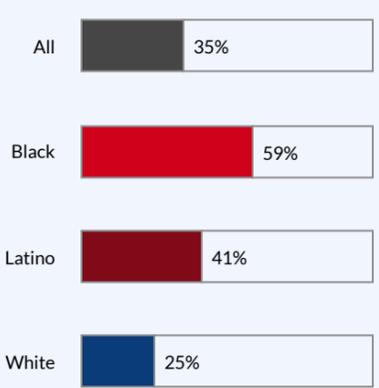
There can be no right to health without a right to housing.

COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted people experiencing homelessness.

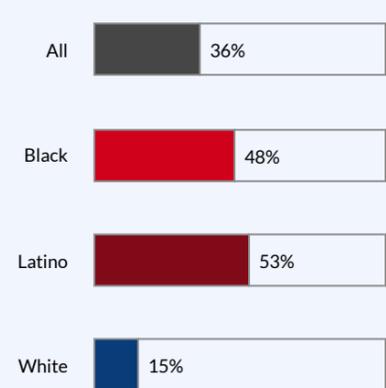


Just as the virus itself, the downstream effects of COVID-19 on housing have disproportionately impacted Black and Latino families.

The proportion of NYC metro-area renters in December 2020 who anticipate eviction in the next 2 months:



The proportion of NYC metro-area renters in December 2020 who have little or no confidence in ability to pay rent next month:



Ending homelessness requires that NYC permanently reimagine its homeless service system to prioritize permanent housing assistance and homeless prevention services. However, during the current COVID pandemic and recovery period, NYC must also monitor and maximize Federal and State emergency rules and assistance programs to help alleviate the immediate housing instability brought on by the pandemic. These include:



Eviction Moratoriums

- The Federal CDC residential eviction moratorium prevents evictions due to nonpayment of rent initiated after Sept 20, 2020; it's in place through [March 31, 2021](#) and may get extended. More details [from NLIHC](#).
- The New York State residential eviction moratorium prevents residential evictions for people with a COVID-related hardship (tenants must submit a [hardship declaration](#) to be protected); it's in place through [April 30, 2021](#) and may get extended.



Emergency Rental Assistance

- The federal stimulus package passed in March 2021 includes substantial **emergency rental assistance** funds for states and/or localities to distribute before September 2025.
- Applications for the **emergency rent relief** program funded by the April 2020 CARES Act [closed on Feb 1, 2021](#). The program covered one-time back rent payments.

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