

Closing COVID-19 Equity Gaps Among Latinx Populations in North Carolina

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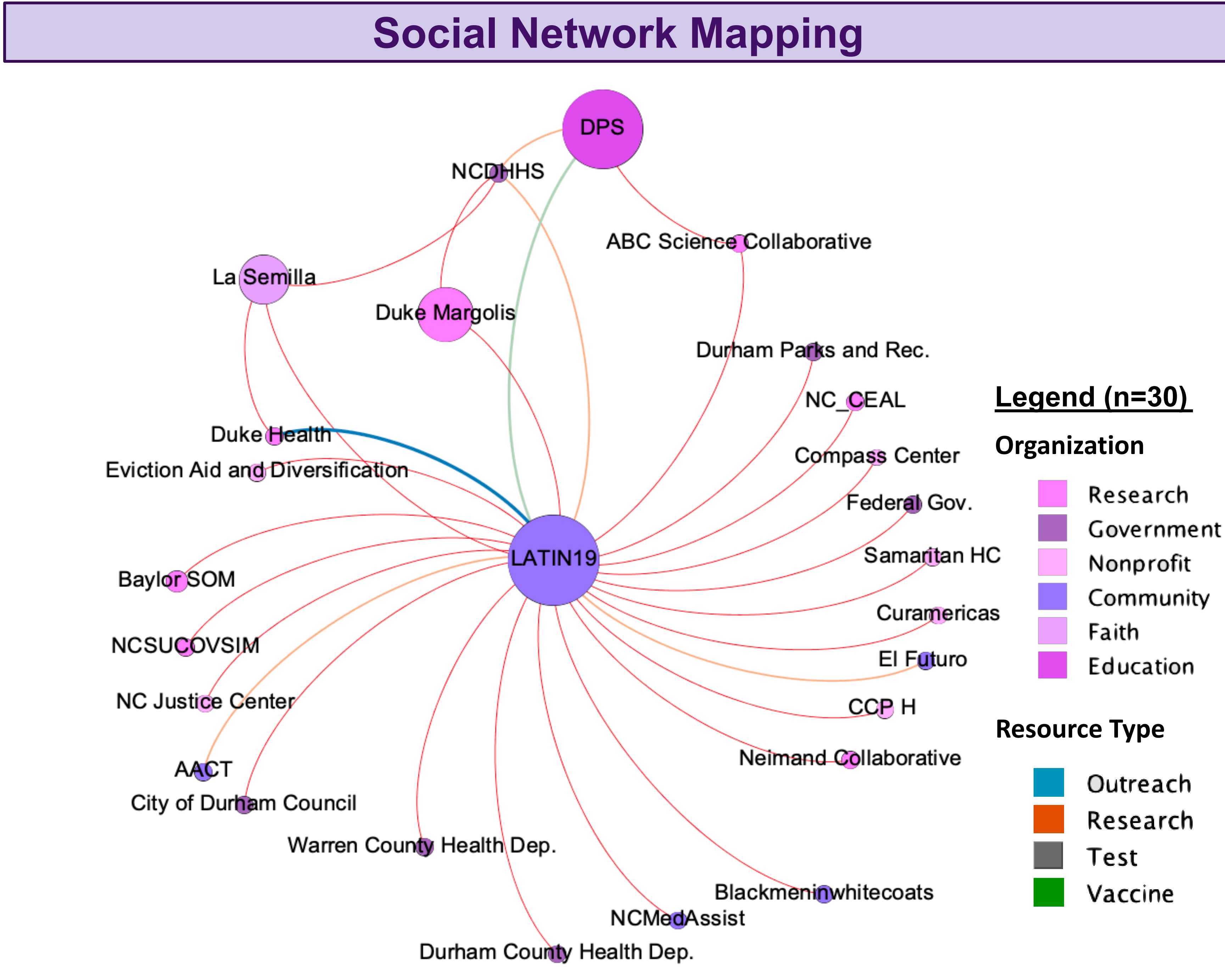


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Where we started

- Latinx communities represented **75%** of positive COVID-19 cases in Durham County in early 2020, a rate **5 times greater** than the total share of the Latinx population
- Hispanic/Latinx communities have experienced housing, job, and food insecurity, as well as inequitable vaccine uptake as a result of the pandemic
- Our goals:** Identify the role of LATIN-19 in Durham and the community-identified barriers and solutions related to COVID-19 testing/vaccination in Latinx communities

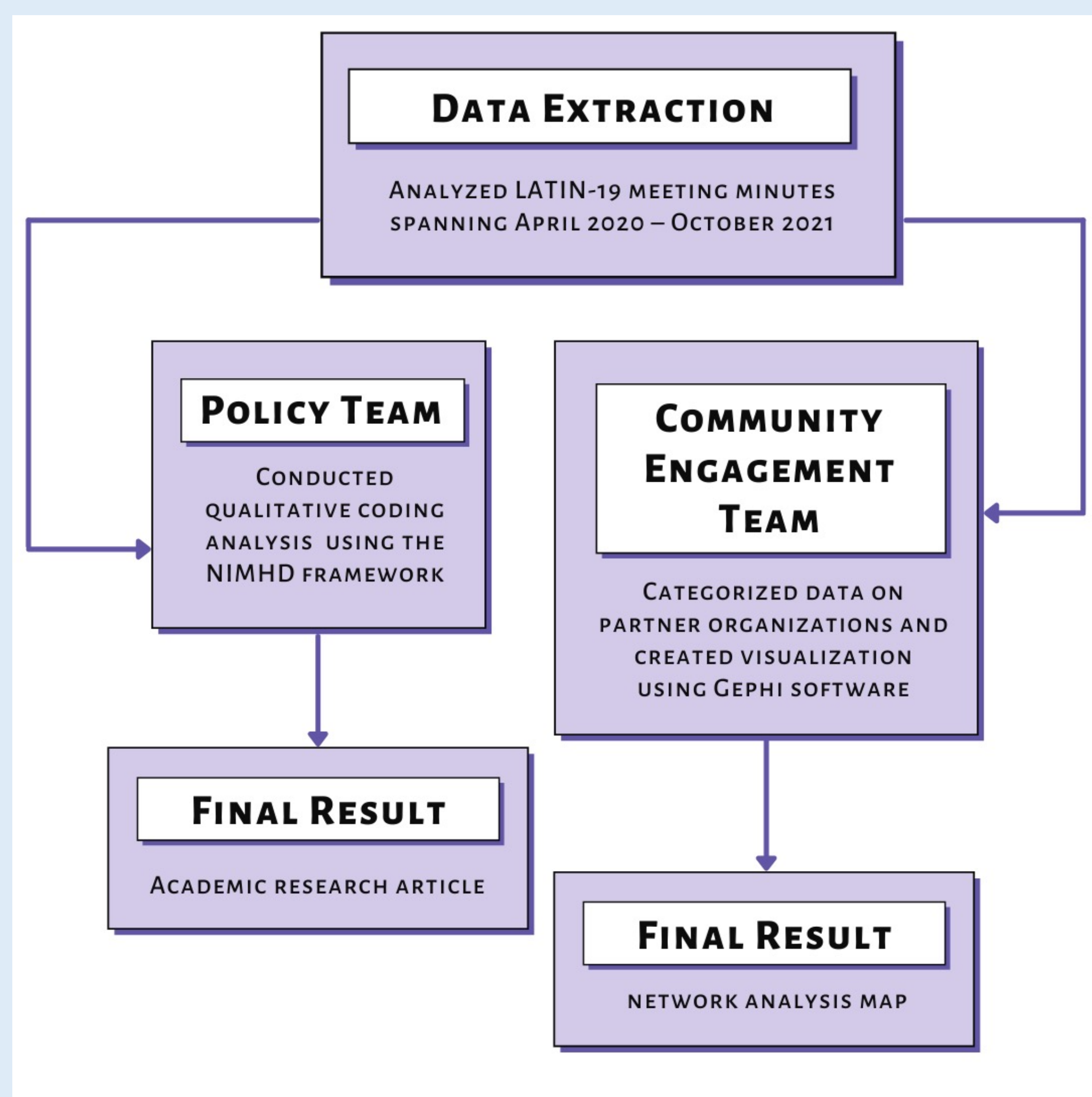
What we found



Key takeaways

- LATIN-19 plays a central role in connecting community partners and government structures in Durham, although there is still room for inter-organization communication
- COVID-19 policies have temporarily addressed some of the barriers identified by LATIN-19 members; however, systemic gaps to achieving equitable health outcomes for Latinx populations remain

What we did



Community-Identified COVID-19 Barriers and Solutions

Levels	Barriers	Solutions
Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Language Vaccine misinformation Distrust in government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBOs provide transportation Spanish-language resources Spanish-speaking providers and translators
Interpersonal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to implement isolation and social distancing Safety in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID isolation housing program Preventive behaviors in Durham Public Schools
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Misinformation Data collection privacy concerns Inaccessible testing sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community health workers at testing sites Community listening sessions
Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systemic exclusion from health systems Lack of medical insurance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove ID requirement for testing and vaccination Reimburse COVID-19 services for low-SES families

Next steps

- Community Engagement Team:** Expand network analysis to include budget, funding source, and scope of impact
- Policy Team:** Conduct focus groups with Latinx stakeholders and submit research article to academic journal

References and acknowledgments

