



# RADx<sup>®</sup> Underserved Populations - CDEs

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# RADx-UP is Part of a \$1.4 Billion NIH Initiative



## RADx Tech

Speed innovative point-of-care, home-based, and clinical laboratory tests for COVID-19

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**BUDGET**  
\$908 Million



## RADx Advanced Technology Platforms (RADx-ATP)

Identify testing platforms that are far enough advanced for rapid scale-up or expanded geographical placement

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**BUDGET**  
\$230 Million



## RADx Underserved Populations (RADx-UP)

Understand and reduce the disparities in COVID-19 morbidity and mortality for those disproportionately affected by COVID-19

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**BUDGET**  
\$533 Million



## RADx Radical (RADx-rad)

Support new, non-traditional approaches to address current testing gaps, and non-traditional applications of existing approaches

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**BUDGET**  
\$187 Million

**This is us**



# RADx-UP is Community-Engaged Research

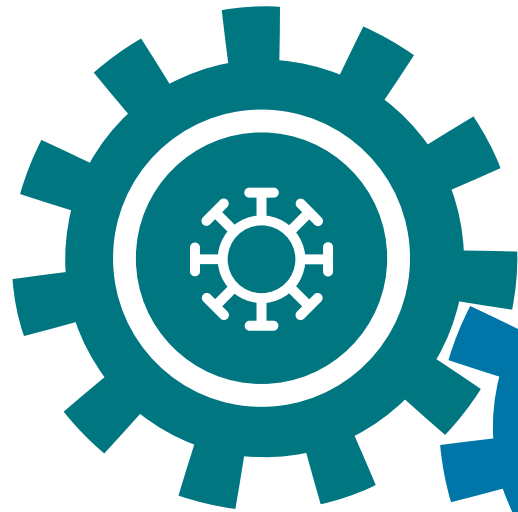
**Overarching goal is to evaluate strategies to increase uptake and access to COVID-19 tests in underserved populations**

- NIH started RADx-UP in September 2020, with awards in phases:
  - Fall 2020: Phase 1 (69 projects) and CDCC
  - Spring/Summer 2021: Say Yes! COVID Test and the Safe Return to School Diagnostic Testing Initiative (16 projects)
  - Fall/Winter 2021: Phase 2 (21 projects) and Supplemental (21 projects)
  - Fall 2022: Additional Phase 3 projects added
  - Fall 2023: Additional Phase 4 projects added
- RADx-UP projects build on **existing community-academic** infrastructure, processes, and **trusted relationships**

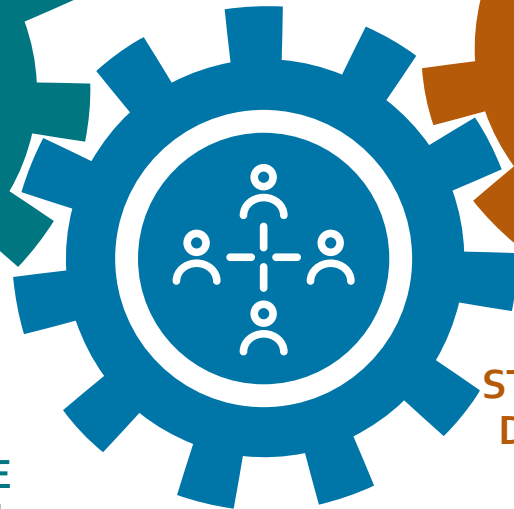
## Take home messages

- The RADx-UP Coordination and Data Collection Center (CDCC) is a **joint collaboration** of DCRI, UNC Chapel Hill, and the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health. **Started in September 2020.**
- RADx-UP CDCC leverages the **Secure Duke Azure Cloud**
- We coordinate **135+ NIH funded projects**
- We partner with many communities throughout the country and **use data to drive and enhance** those relationships
- **CDEs** are central to our data sharing mission.

# What is RADx-UP?



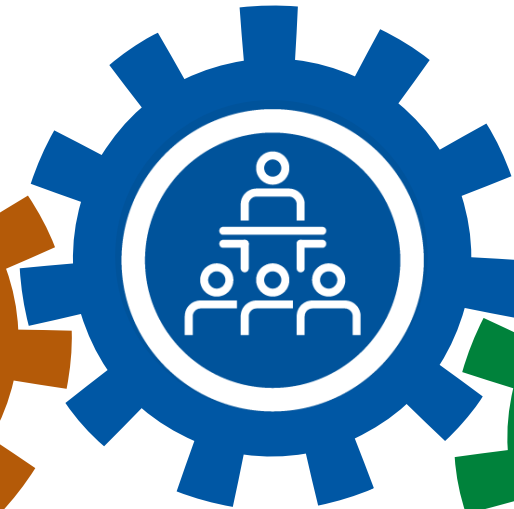
**DIAGNOSTIC TESTING EXPERTISE**  
to shape public health responses under dynamic regulatory frameworks



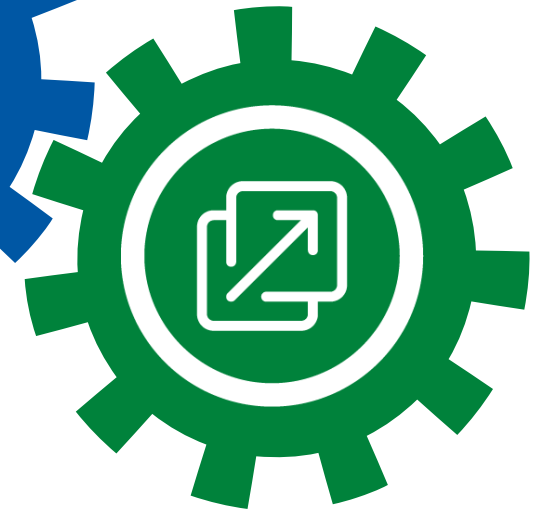
**COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH STRATEGIES** that are diverse, multiple, localized, and heterogeneous



**STANDARDIZED CDE DATA COLLECTION**  
harmonization, sharing, and dissemination across all populations



**RESEARCH PLATFORM**  
to engage communities through the entire life cycle of research studies



**LOCALIZED LEARNING, NATIONAL TRANSLATION**  
via a community of practice

# A functional RADx-UP Community of Practice

## Community Collaboration Grants

- > Support to community partners to advance capacity, training, more

## COVID-19 Equity Evidence Academy

- > Annual interactive conference, presentations of what's working in community engagement
- > Data Profile with scholarship, project profiles

## RADx-UP Scientific Meeting

- > Annual program for data results, lessons learned, community engagement approaches

## Partnering for Impact

- > Writing groups collaborating on consortial publications



## Working Groups

- > Building Community Capacity and Impact
- > Engaging Black/African Americans
- > Social, Ethical and Behavioral Implications
- > Community Health Worker
- > Engaging Hispanic / Latino / Latinx Populations
- > Sexual and Gender Minorities
- > Understanding Social Determinants of COVID-19
- > Child Health

## Community Connections

- > Quarterly gathering of RADx-UP community partners

## Engagement Resource Center

- > Library of 250+ community-engagements resources

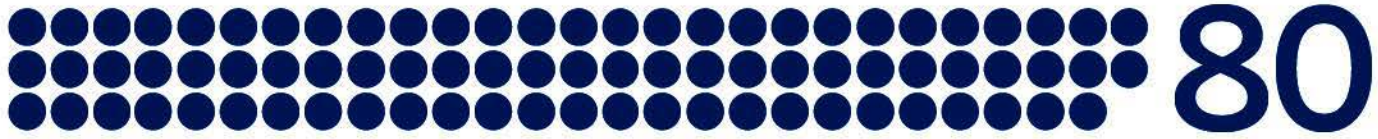
## RADx-UP Image Bank

- > 700+ images that reflect the rich mosaic of identities and experiences of RADxUP

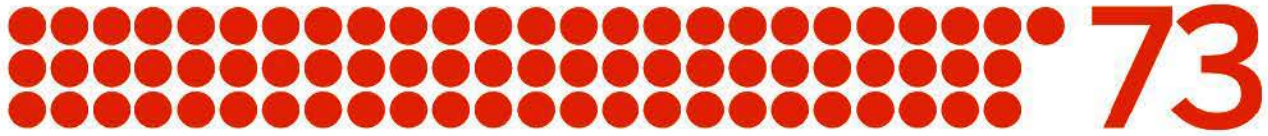
- > CDCC Community Engagement Framework
- > RADx-UP Health Equity Policy Framework
- > Community Health Worker Symposium
- > RADx-UP Long COVID CDEs
- > Causal loop diagrams

**LOCALIZED LEARNING/NATIONAL APPLICATION**

## NUMBER OF PROJECTS SERVING SPECIFIC POPULATIONS\*



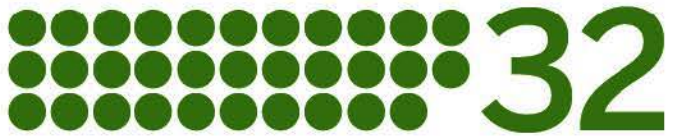
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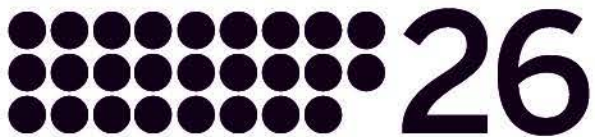
African American



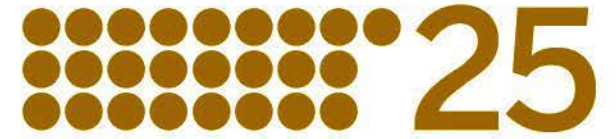
Other



Asian



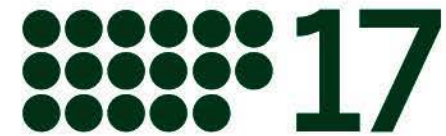
Older Adults



Low income populations



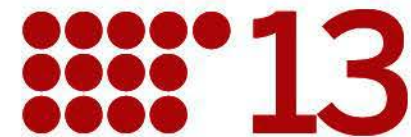
Hawaiian / Pacific Islanders



Rural Populations



American Indians



Pregnant Women

\*Phase I, II, III and Supplements, data as of 6/30/2023 from REDCap project summaries

## NUMBER OF PROJECTS SERVING SPECIFIC POPULATIONS\*

 12

Immigrants

 10

Alaska Native

 7

Substance Users

 7

Low income housing

 6

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

 5

People Experiencing Homelessness

 4

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

 3

LGBTQ/ Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM)

 3

People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)

 3

Pediatric Only Communities

 2

Testing Deserts

 2

Incarcerated People

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Farm Workers

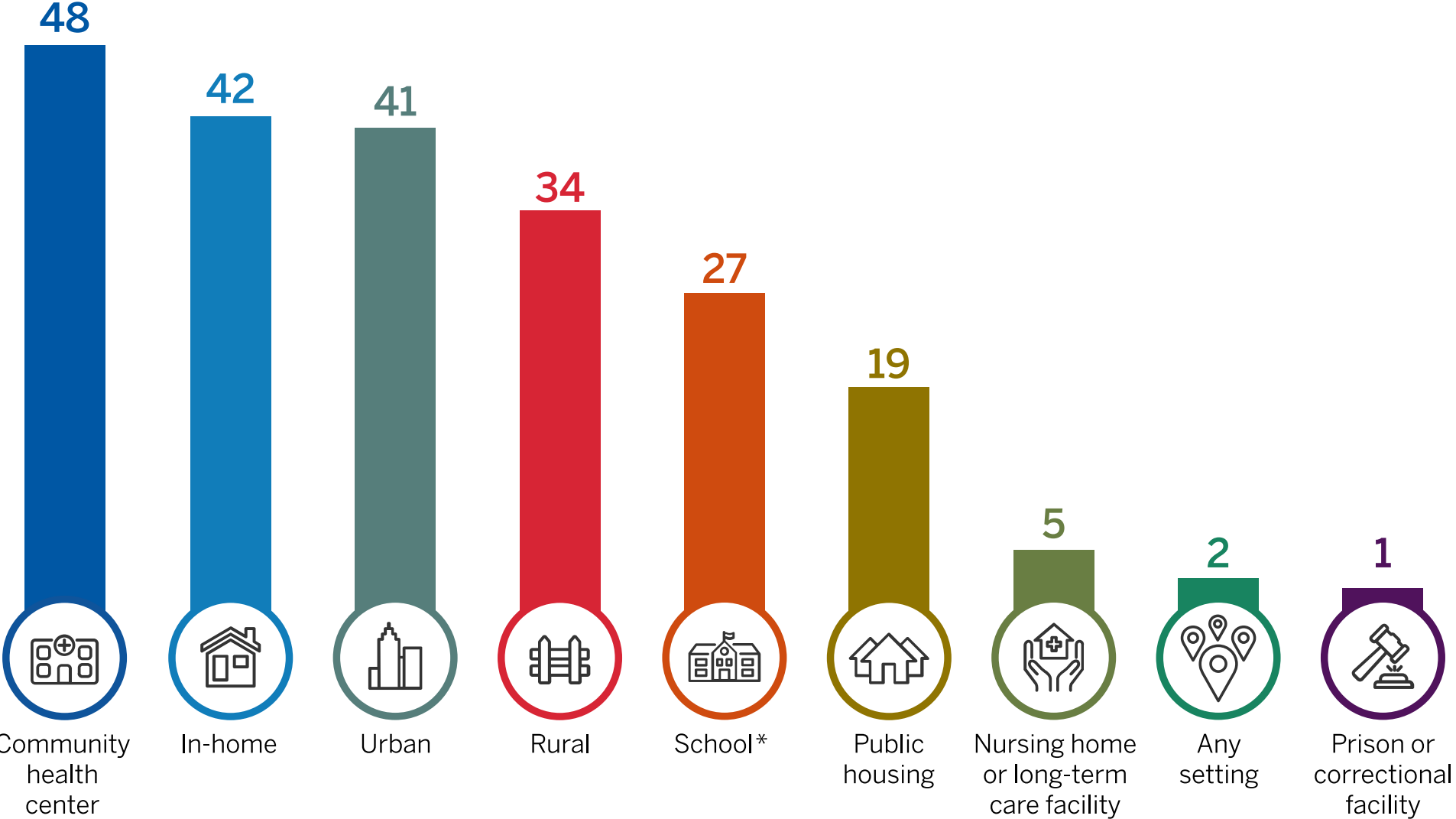
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Coal Miners

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# NUMBER OF PROJECT SETTINGS FOR COVID-19 TESTING



\*Includes 16 research projects in the RADx-UP Safe Return to School Diagnostic Testing Initiative  
Source: Phase I, II, III and Supplements, data as of 6/30/2023 from REDCap project summaries.



# RADxUP

at a glance

Data as of 01/17/2024



138

COVID-19 testing and SEBI projects



53

States, territories, and D.C.



1

Coordination & Data Collection Center



273

Community-engagement resources in the RADx-UP library



127

Projects submitting CDEs to CDCC



408,599

Enrolled participants (direct participants)



448,647

COVID-19 tests conducted (direct participants, CDEs only\*)



13

Partnering for Impact writing teams



25

Rapid Research Pilot Awards



70

Community Collaboration Grants



283

Published research articles

\*Count reflects common data elements data only, not actual tests conducted in the program (in the millions)

# January 2024 Newsletter



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Home Test Assays in the  
updated RADx-UP Quick  
Reference Guide

55M+

CDE data points uploaded  
to Data Hub

16

Core Analytic Data Set  
domains available

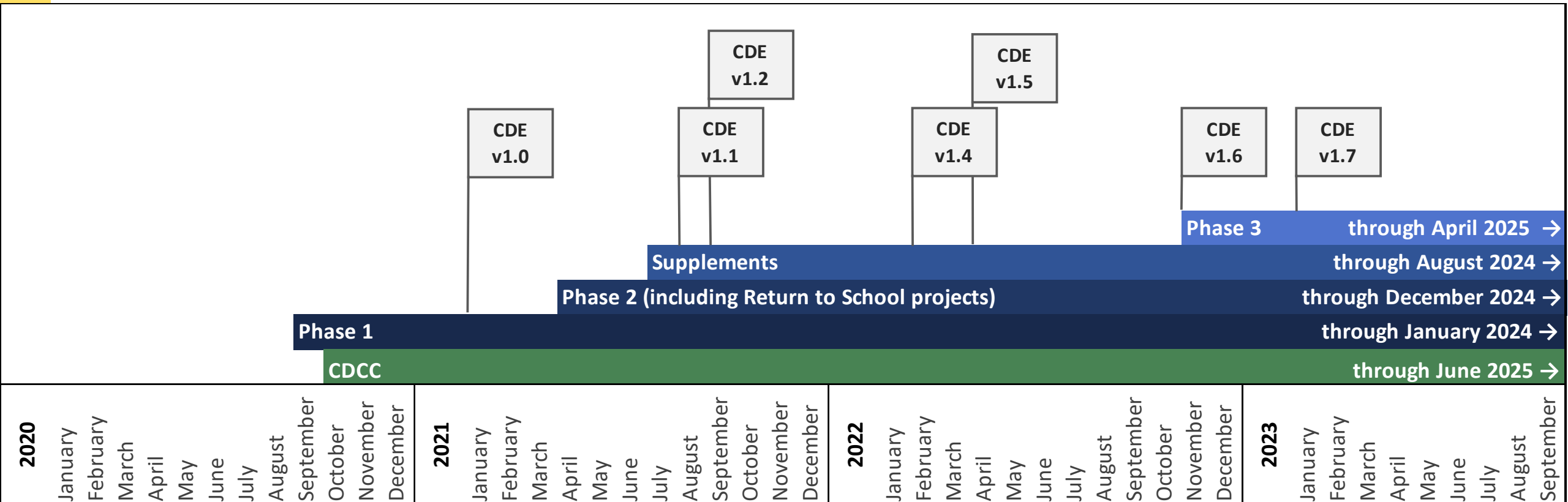
# RADx-UP Tier 1 CDE Categories Presented in Data Dashboard

Tier 1 CDE Category	Data Dashboard Page
Consent (and other date CDEs)	Enrollment Over Time
Location	(Used on Data Linkage Dashboard)
Sociodemographics	Demographics, Socioeconomic Status
Housing Employment and Insurance	Employment, Health Coverage Status and Insecurities, Social Vulnerability, COVID-19 Pandemic Insecurities
Work PPE and Distancing	Work PPE and Distancing
Medical History	Medical History
Health Status	Overall Health Status
Vaccine Acceptance	COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance and Concerns, COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance Over Time, Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine History and Acceptance, COVID-19 Vaccination (1+ Dose) Over Time and Rate
Testing	COVID-19 Testing Access and Impact, COVID-19 Testing History
COVID Test	COVID-19 Tests Performed Over Time, COVID-19 Test Results and Positivity Over Time, COVID-19 Test Characteristics, Time to Test Results
Symptoms	COVID-19 Symptomology
Alcohol and Tobacco	Alcohol and Tobacco

# RADx-UP Challenges

- There have been 5 waves of funded projects (phase 1, 2, 3, supplements, and 4).
  - As we have gone from the earliest projects to the latest, we have gotten better at understanding and communicating the data sharing expectations. This was a major challenge for phase 1, as the expectations were still being defined.
  - The Terms and Conditions of Award for each wave have continued to evolve and become clearer, helping everyone to be pulling in the same direction.
  - Having different data sharing expectations and different versions of the CDEs over the waves of projects made data quality and conformance processes more complex.

# RADx-UP CDE Timeline



# Data Flow

## DATA SOURCES



### RADx-UP Projects

- Individual-level data
- NIH Common Data Elements



### External data sets

- Individual-level data
- U.S. Census data, American Community Survey data, electronic health records, National Death Index, CMS

## LINKAGES



Aggregating,  
merging, and  
de-identifying  
data

## DATA REPOSITORIES



### CDCC participant re-contact repository

- Identifiable individual-level demographic data



### CDCC data repository

- Participant data is coded
- De-identified individual-level data



### NIH data repository

- De-identified individual-level data



# NIH RADx-UP Common Data Elements leading to CDEs v1.0

## Development process:

1. NIH provided *RADx-UP Data Harmonization Guidance*
2. CDCC met with NIH, NLM, DR2 to discuss recommended RADx and RADx-UP CDEs
  - *initial Tier 1 version had 752 items*
3. CDCC revised CDEs, sent to NIH, NLM, DR2 for review
4. CDCC updated CDEs based on feedback
  - *new version had 66 items*
5. CDEs sent to RADx-UP projects for review and feedback
6. NIH RADx-UP CDEs posted to the Toolkit web page Jan. 4, 2021

## Data Toolkit

### National Institutes of Health (NIH) Common Data Elements (CDEs) - Jan. 4th, 2021

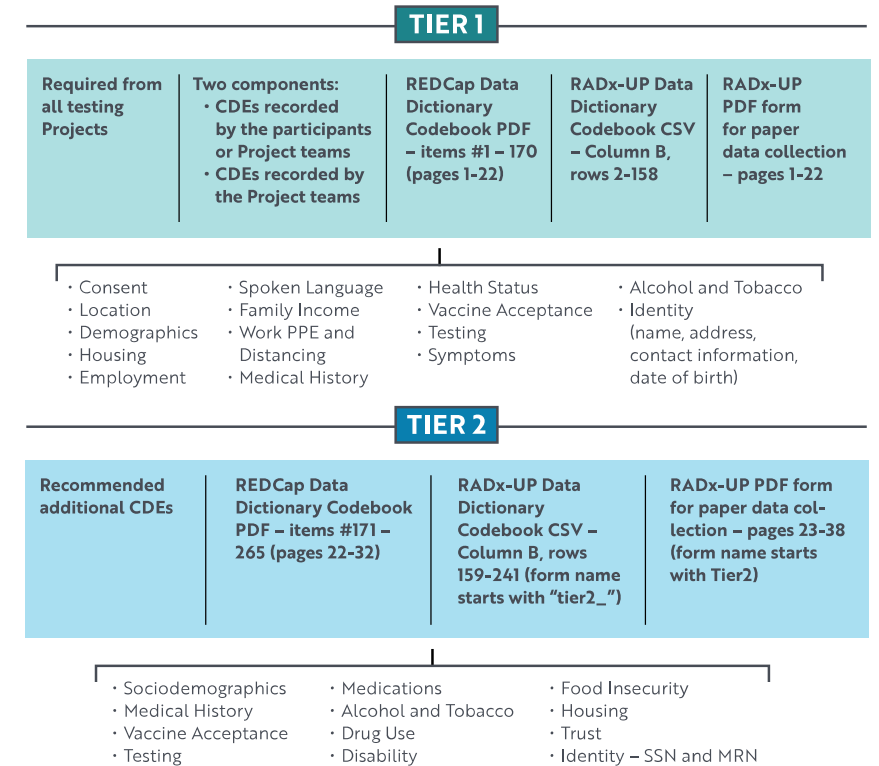
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If you have questions about the NIH CDEs, or are interested in learning more, select here to visit our [CDE Questions with Dr. Kibbe series](#), which includes short podcasts as well as written key points.

# Explaining the CDEs

- Projects needed to understand how and why the NIH RADx-UP CDEs were to be incorporated into research studies
- We produced a CDEs explainer graphic (at right)
- We also addressed the most pressing questions & concerns in a series of audio segments with Dr. Kibbe
- <https://radx-up.org/radx-up-cdes/>
- Dr. Eliseo Perez-Stable discussed the CDEs at the July 2021 Project-wide Meeting

## CDE EXPLAINER - TIER 1 VS. TIER 2



# Version 1.1 released

- Version 1.1 with wording, responses, and branching logic fixes released on Aug. 12, 2021
- All changes are Tier 2 and fully compatible with version 1.0
- Additional vaccine CDEs to be released shortly
- Initial Pediatric version of the Tier 1 CDEs designed to be asked of parents and/or teachers
- <https://radx-up.org/learning-resources/cdes/>

## CDE and ICF Files

### NIH RADx-UP CDEs Version 1.1

- [NIH RADx-UP CDEs v1.1 REDCap Codebook PDF file](#)—This document contains all current CDEs in PDF form.
- [NIH RADx-UP CDEs v1.1 Codebook CSV file](#)—This file contains all current CDEs as a REDCap consumable data dictionary (CSV file). Note that variables are now less than 32 characters in length to be SAS-compliant. See change log for details on synonym substitutions.
- [NIH RADx-UP CDEs v1.1 Change Log](#)—This document details the changes between CDEs 1.0 and 1.1, as well as providing guidance for understanding these changes.

### NIH RADx-UP CDEs Version 1.1 - Modified for Pediatric/Child Health Use

- [NIH RADx-UP CDEs v1.1 Pediatric CSV file](#)—This file contains a subset of the NIH RADx-UP CDEs v1.1, but with a column for questions modified to ensure relevance to children.

### NIH RADx-UP CDEs Version 1.0

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*\*The Spanish version of the NIH CDE CSV file includes special characters which, when loaded into REDCap, will convert to the correct Spanish language characters. The form names themselves would not accept the special characters, so will remain in Spanish with regular character substitutions.*

# Sample Adult vs. Pediatric CDEs (Version 1.1) vs. NIH Pediatric CDEs

## RADx-UP Tier 1 Adult CDEs

- What was your sex assigned at birth on your birth certificate?
- Are you currently living in transitional housing, staying in a shelter, or experiencing homelessness?
- Did you lose health coverage because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

## RADx-UP Tier 1 Pediatric CDEs

- What was your child's sex assigned at birth on their birth certificate?
- Is your child currently living in transitional housing, staying in a shelter, or experiencing homelessness?
- Did your child lose health coverage because of the COVID-19 pandemic?

## NIH Pediatric CDEs

- What was the participant's sex assigned at birth?
- Have any of the following occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic (since March 2020)? Loss of your housing, or becoming homeless since March 2020?
- During this pandemic (since March 2020) has this child had a change in their health insurance coverage?



# Long-COVID CDE Community Engaged Focus Group 2022!

# CDE Focus Group: Primary Goals



## Goal #1: Produce long-COVID CDEs that are appropriate for the RADx-UP Community

- **Short term:**
  - Engage Community Partners, research staff, and investigators for review and feedback of tier 2 CDEs
  - Set clear expectations about engagement plan for the development of long-COVID CDEs for RADx-UP (and broader research community)
- **Long term:** Contribute to national banks of CDEs



## Goal #2: Develop a smaller team to generate best practices for rapid development of CDEs using a community engagement approach



# The 4 Ds of Success



## FOCUS ON **DIVERSITY**

- Have a diverse focus group



## FOCUS ON **DATA**

- Deliver a set of measures for the consortium so that all projects have a way to capture information about long COVID
- Data is consistent and comparable between multiple projects
- CDEs are answered as a set, not hand-picked as individual CDEs



## FOCUS ON **DEVELOPMENT**

- Facilitate a process with a clear timeline and support at each step
- Accomplish task on time
- Process serves as example of how a network can rapidly engage community partners to solve a problem



## FOCUS ON **DELIVERABLES**

- Document that we have increased trust and engagement across RADx-UP Community Partners
- Document process on best practices
- Deliver CDEs to NLM for the world to use

# An opportunity to improve the process

## Per JAMIA article (2022):

- Some RADx-UP projects felt the CDE drafting process was rushed, insensitive, and may have inadequately considered community concerns
- Many found the initial CDEs to be culturally incompatible, with the possibility of worsening stigmas among marginalized communities who may already perceive academia in an unfavorable light
- **Key lessons learned from our CDE process include the importance of clear messaging, stating intent, assessing local factors, and providing more direct communications with stakeholders in the community**
- Researchers must foster trust and mutual respect, balance expertise across communities, and overcome barriers through better understanding of the populations they serve



# Long COVID CDE Focus Group

- **~20 volunteers, faculty, and staff from the RADx-UP community** reviewed the “starter pack” of common data elements (CDEs), offered feedback via online surveys, and met up to discuss results and further refine the CDEs
- Comprised of:
  - Community members
  - Community partners
  - Long-COVID patients
  - CDCC staff
  - Principal investigators and clinicians



# Focus Group: 3-Month Timeline



**FOCUS GROUP** members provided feedback on Long COVID CDEs via survey

CDCC and **FOCUS GROUP** members joined Zoom sessions, discussed survey results, and provided key takeaways

CDCC prepares *draft* Long COVID CDEs

CDCC and **FOCUS GROUP** members agreed on final set of Long COVID CDEs for tier 2 data collections

2022	October 6	OCT 7-17	Oct 20 & 27	Nov 1-Dec 2	Dec 5- Jan 6
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**FOCUS GROUP** members joined orientation session about the review of Long COVID CDE Starter Pack

CDCC and **FOCUS GROUP** members agreed on direction for creating a set of Long COVID CDEs for tier 2

CDCC sent Long COVID CDEs to Data Core for upload to tier 2, and to **RADx-UP Community** with educational component





## Long COVID CDEs: Final Set

The Long COVID CDEs are *optional* tier 2 questions comprising 27 questions in three sets:

- Introductory (baseline), including a working definition of “Long COVID”
- Symptom-based (the most critical symptoms), and
- Quality of life (or “everyday” life)

