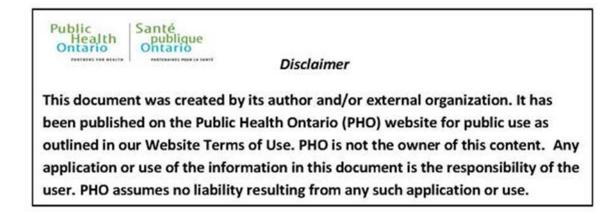


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Leveraging the COMPASS Study to Examine the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Youth Health Over Time

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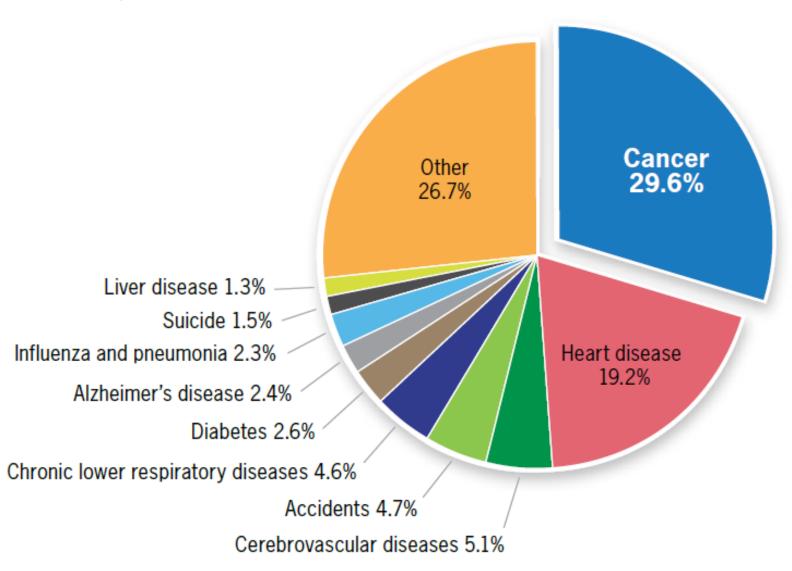
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MITIGATING POTENTIAL BIAS

• Content was peer-reviewed to ensure that principles of scientific integrity, objectivity and balance have been respected







Note: The total of all deaths in 2016 in Canada was 267,213.

Data source: Canadian Vital Statistics Death Database at Statistics Canada; Deaths and age-specific mortality rates, by selected grouped causes, <u>Table 13-10-0392-01</u>.

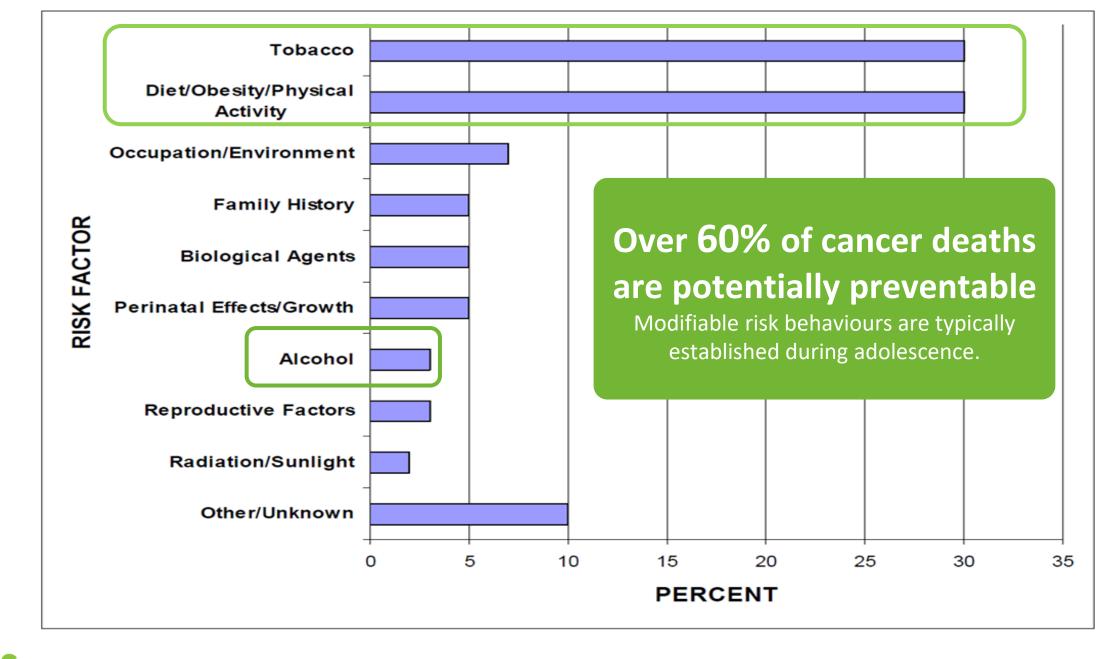


Figure 2: Causes of Cancer Deaths in Developed Countries

Source: Adapted from Adami et al., 2001 and Colditz et al., 1996¹

Within the Canadian context, we have known for a while that variations in school & community characteristics surrounding youth are independently associated with their risk factor profile. For example:

- Substance use:

- cannabis [Costello, Leatherdale, Ahmed et al., 2012],
- tobacco [Leatherdale, McDonald, Cameron et al., 2005]
- alcohol [Heircui, Laxer, Cole & Leatherdale, 2013]
- Vaping [Cole, Aleyan & Leatherdale2019].
- eating behaviour [Leatherdale, Stefanczyk, Kirkpatrick, 2016].
- obesity [Leatherdale & Papadakis, 2011]
- physical activity [Hobin, Leatherdale, Manske et al., 2013],
- sedentary behaviour [Leatherdale, Faulkner & Arbour-Nicitopoulos, 2010]

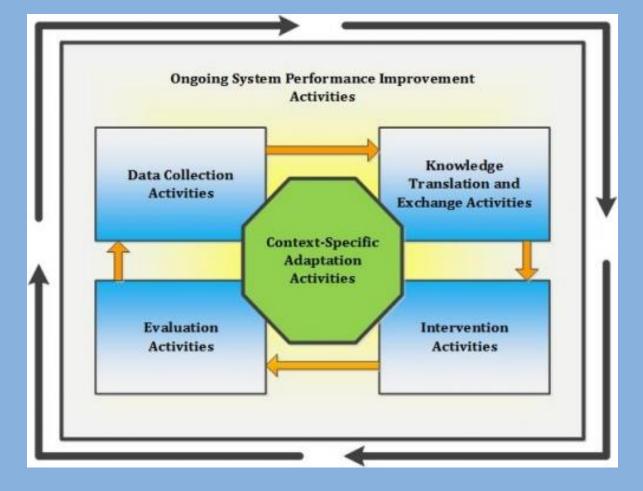


Even PRIOR to COVID-19...

- Timely & accessible longitudinal data on youth were not readily available.
- Comprehensive inventories of important school & community characteristics (*programs, policies, built environment resources*) impacting youth were not systematically collected &/or linked to student data.
- As a result, we know very little about how real-world changes to programs, policies or built environment resources impact youth over time. (i.e., natural experiments)



Cannabis Use Obesity Mental Health Physical activity Alcohol use Smoking Sedentary behaviour



A learning system designed to:

- 1. Collect population level longitudinal data from students as they progress through secondary school
- Evaluate the impact of ongoing real-world natural experiments as programs, policies, & resources in schools, communities, or provinces change over time
- 3. Share practice-based evidence with relevant stakeholders in real-time, &
- 4. Share available data with researchers outside of our team

The COMPASS study (2012-2022) is a prospective study designed to collect hierarchical longitudinal data from a rolling cohort of secondary schools and the grade 9 to 12 students attending those schools.

Leatherdale et al., 2014

- Active-information passive consent procedures
 - Active assent for students
- Convenience sample of schools





189 schools across Canada have participated in COMPASS



200,000+

secondary school students across Canada have participated in COMPASS



Canadian provinces and 1 territory have participated in COMPASS

The COMPASS Study

N = 75,000+ grade 9 to 12 students + 150+ secondary schools

Provinces:

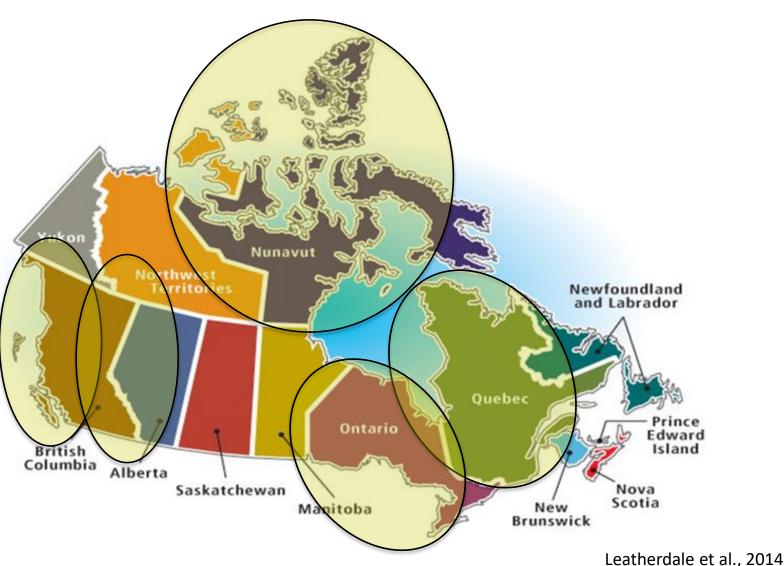
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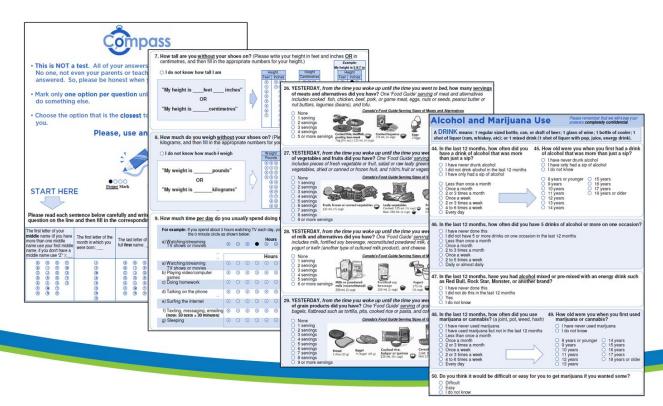




Measures

Longitudinal data collected once annually at the:

- 1. School-level:
 - School Programs & Policies Questionnaire (SPP)
 - School Environment Application (Co-SEA)
 - Built Environment Data (C-BED)
- 2. Student-level:
 - Student Questionnaire (Cq)





Pre-COVID-19 Student Questionnaire (Cq)

Scantron paper-based questionnaire designed to facilitate multiple large-scale <u>in-person</u> school-based data collections.

The Cq collects individual student data pertaining to:

- Substance use (tobacco, e-cigarettes/vaping, alcohol, cannabis, opioids)
- Weight (body mass index, weight perceptions, intentions to lose/gain)
- Movement behaviours (physical activity, screen time, sleep)
- Eating behaviours & dietary intake
- **Mental health** (depression, anxiety, flourishing, emotional regulation, help seeking)
- **Relationships** (peer/family support, school connectedness, bullying)
- Academics (e.g., grades, homework time, post-secondary aspirations)
- Sociodemographic characteristics (e.g., age, gender, income, ethnicity)

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Post-COVID-19 Onset Student Questionnaire

Qualtrics-based <u>online</u> questionnaire designed to facilitate multiple large-scale schoolbased data collections (in-person or online).

NEW added COVID-19 related measures pertaining to:

- Form of curriculum delivery (online, in-person, blended)
- School protocols/responses
- Impact of COVID-19 on health, behaviours & relationships

 (e.g., physical activity, social media, sleep, substance use, getting along with family)
- Coping behaviours
- COVID-19 related concerns

 (e.g., family's ability to pay bills, getting behind in school, health, missing events)
- COVID-19 related attitudes & knowledge:
 - Understanding, perceptions of, & compliance with COVID-19 regulations/restrictions
 - Vaccine perceptions & hesitancy
 - Exposure to & source of COVID-19 information





COMPASS School Programs & Policies Questionnaire (SPP)

Online survey completed by school administrator(s) most knowledgeable about their school's health program & policy environment.

For **<u>each</u>** COMPASS domain, the SPP measures:

- Presence or absence of programs/policies/resources
- Changes to school programs/policies/resources

Annually provides information on what was in place previously to:

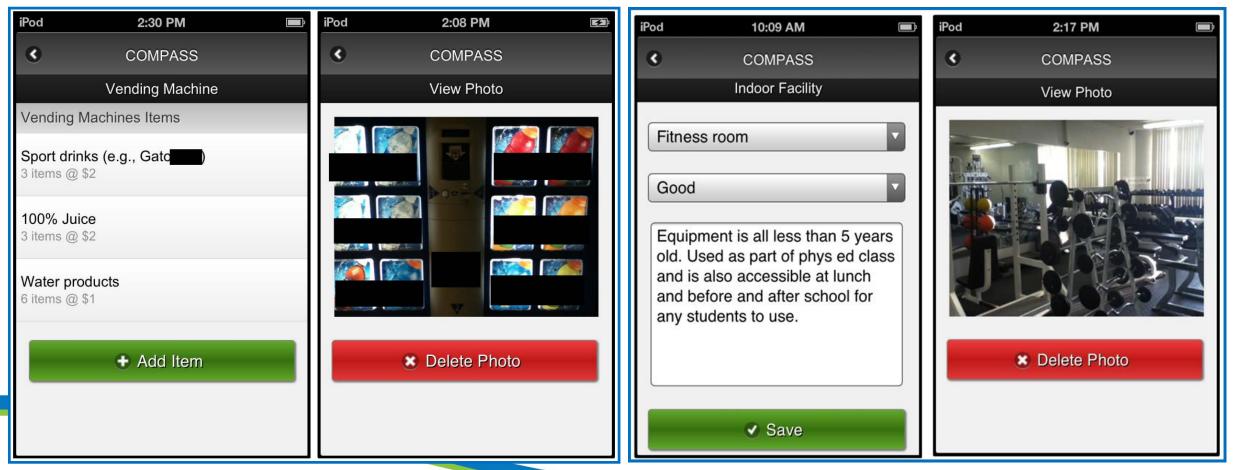
- Assist with recall
- Provide new administrators with background of the school context

The SPP now also measures COVID-19 related programs & policies



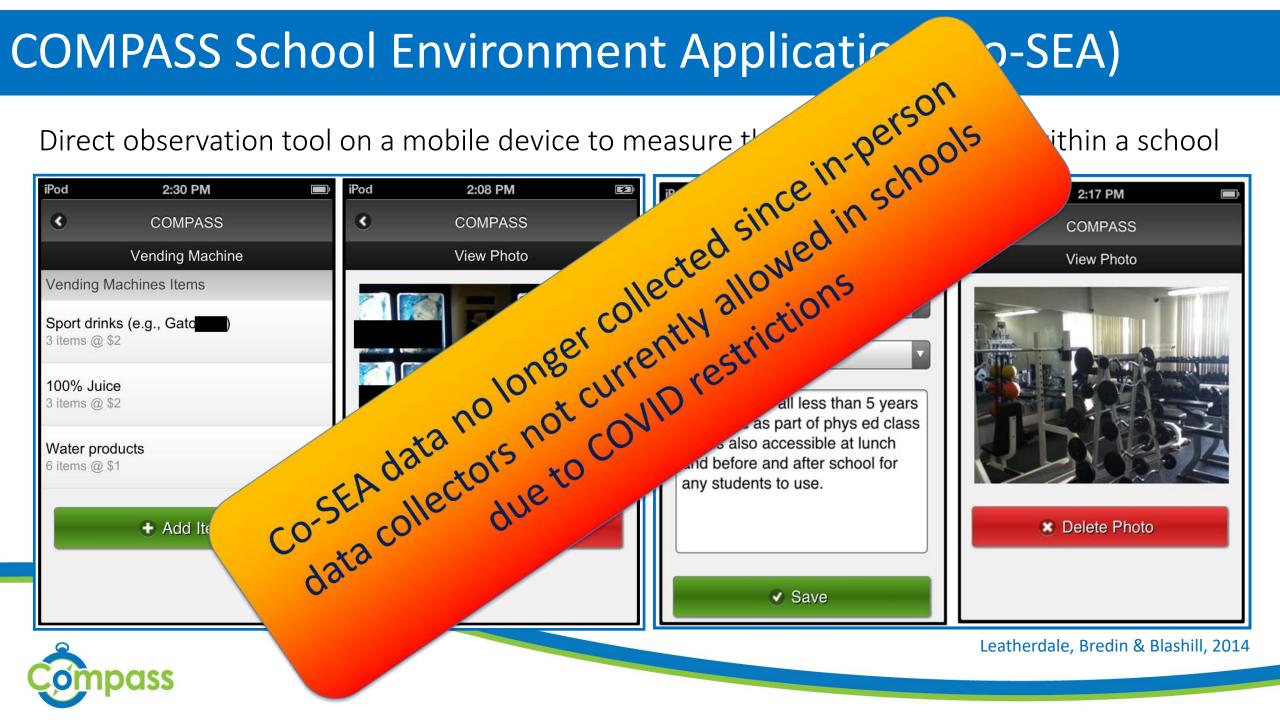
COMPASS School Environment Application (Co-SEA)

Direct observation tool on a mobile device to measure the built environment within a school





Leatherdale, Bredin & Blashill, 2014



Surrounding School Built Environment Data

CanMap Route Logistics spatial information database provides data layers surrounding each school e.g. land use/zoning, street networks, & connectivity

Enhanced Points of Interest data resource provides the type & location of different structures e.g. fitness centres; fast food; tobacco/alcohol/cannabis retailers; parks/green space

Arcview 3.3 software is used to geocode school addresses & create the desired buffer distance (e.g., 500m, 1km) Sample of COMPASS built environment data linkage for 500m buffers examining land use and street network connectivity surrounding two schools





Knowledge Mobilization Activities

Research has identified that providing schools with data on their student population and recommendations for action that are relevant to their school context can help schools advance their own prevention agenda

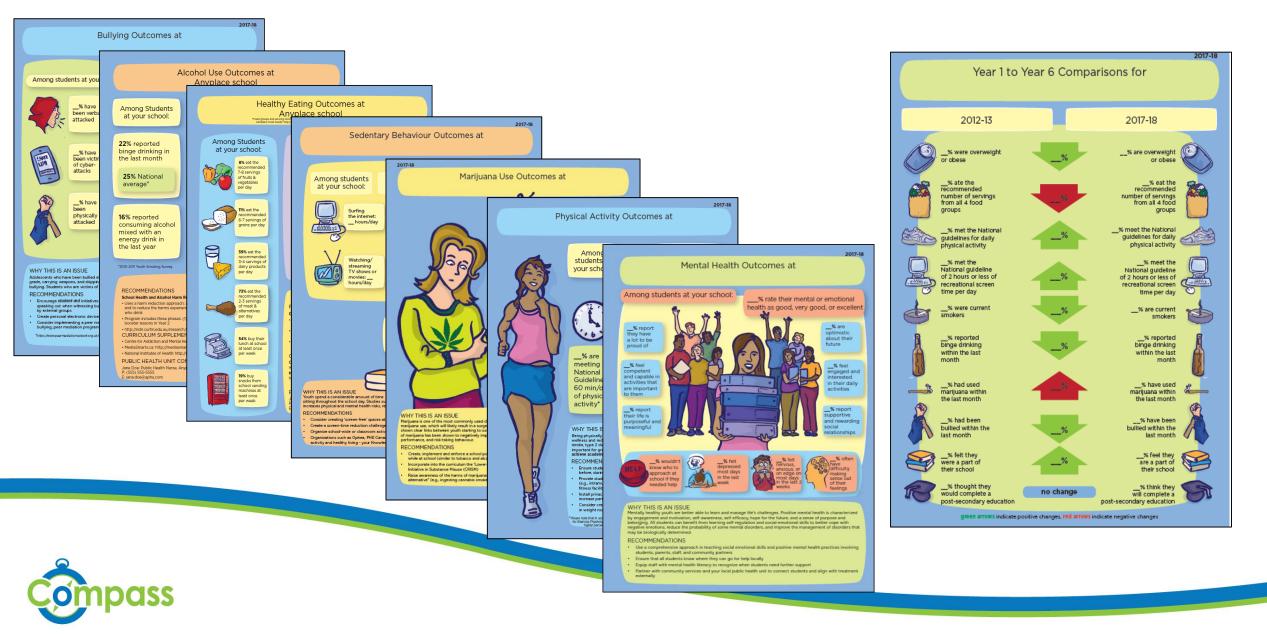
Leatherdale et al. (2009); Cameron et al. (2007)

We use several approaches to share COMPASS data & results:

- 1. COMPASS School Health Profiles (SHP)
- 2. COMPASS Knowledge Brokers
- 3. COMPASS online/social media presence (website, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram)
- 4. Stakeholder & knowledge user reports & presentations
- 5. Academic papers & conferences



COMPASS School Health Profile



Our Board has organized a session for school teams and Public Health Nurses to learn about [COMPASS] research findings and discuss next steps. This proved to be a valuable opportunity for a variety of education stakeholders to learn about the results of the COMPASS questionnaires, plan for knowledge mobilization and goal-setting to make improvements that would support student health and wellness and overall school climate.

-Ontario School Board Administrator

The continuity of data is something that I appreciate and I have shared the data with School Councils since my arrival at this school. -Ontario School Principal

The easy to read infographic style of the [The COMPASS School Health Profile] makes it quick and easy for staff to quickly identify the [student health] topic they are looking for information on. We also find the comparison data, to our school results over time, between genders, and to the provincial stats useful.

-School Health Promotion Coordinator

COMPASS School Knowledge Brokering

GOALS:

- Facilitate interaction between our team, schools, public health units, & community partners
- Assist schools in identifying priorities, determining evidence-informed & contextappropriate actions, & connecting them to resources & partners to mobilize change
- Collect process measures for interventions that were implemented for evaluation





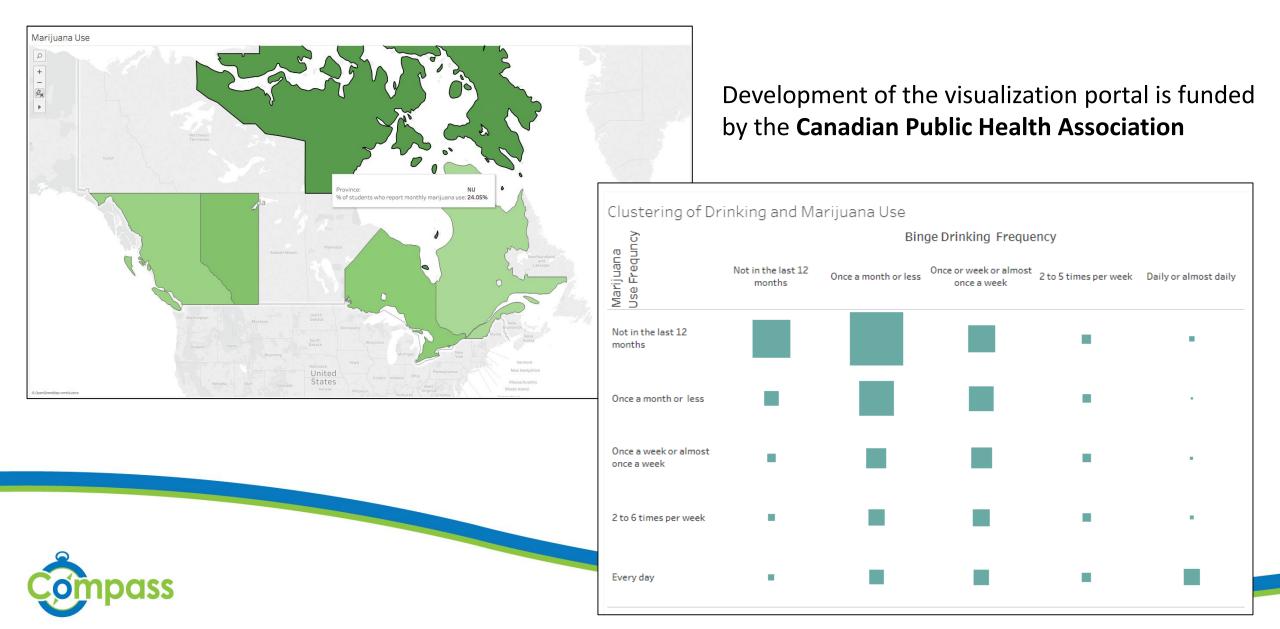
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Information for researchers > Publications Sharing our knowledge	created a number of knowledge products. Sharing our findings and producing usable knowledge tools is an important step in working collaboratively to improve youth health. Our knowledge products and resources are provided below:					
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COMPASS Data Visualization Portal

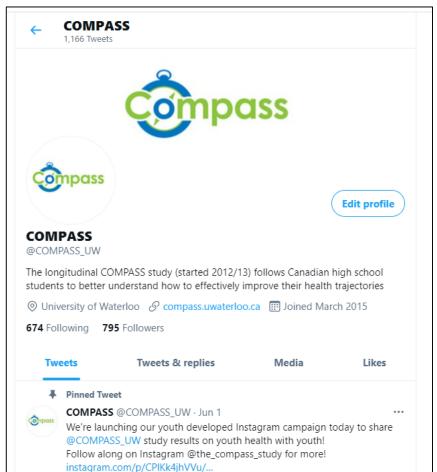


Social Media



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@COMPASS_UBC



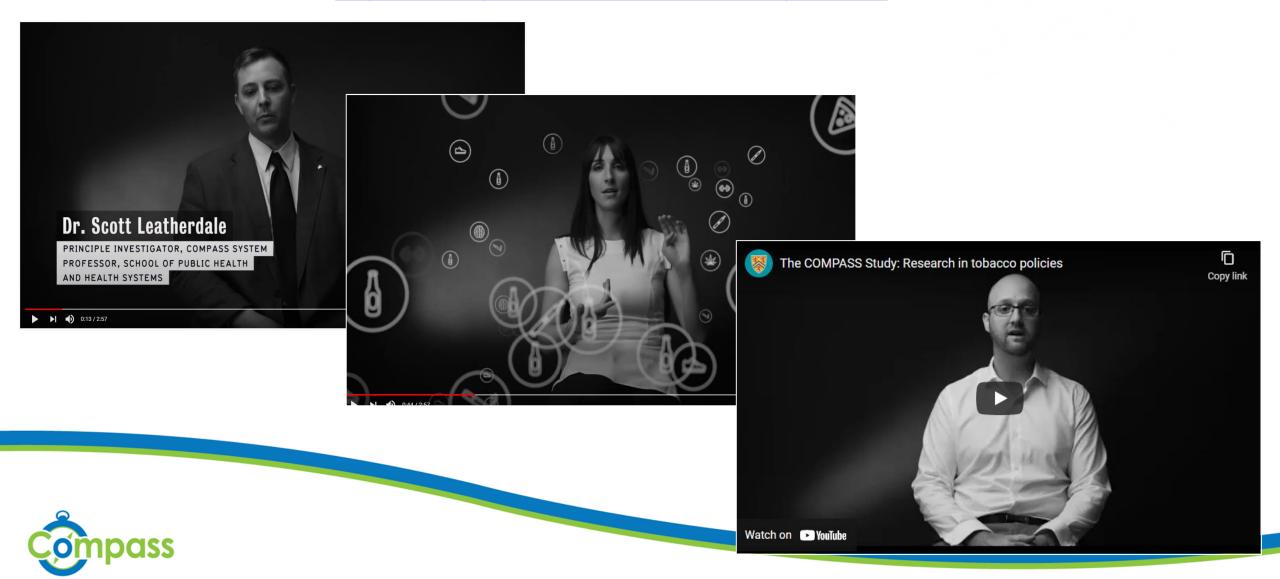


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YouTube COMPASS Videos

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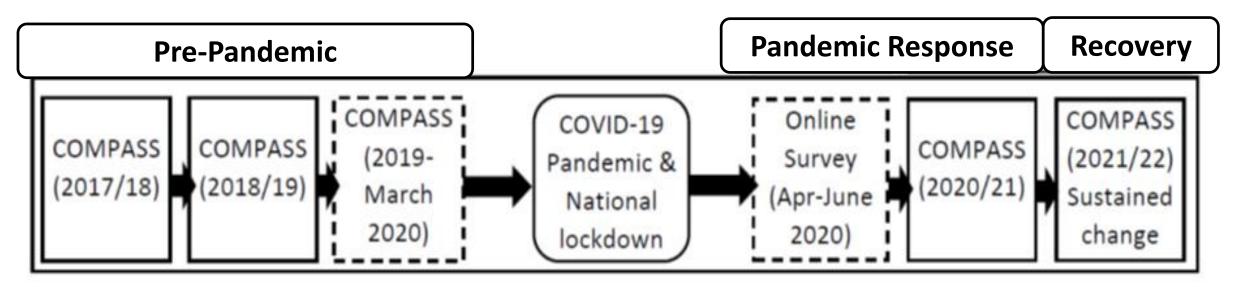
By linking data across study waves COMPASS allows us to determine within individual student change in health behaviours & outcomes from pre-during-mid COVID-19 response

Pre-COVID-19: Year 6 (2017-18) N = 66,500+ students at 124 schools Year 7 (2018-19) N = 74,500+ students at 136 schools Year 8 (2019-March 2020) N = ~35,000 students at 51 schools *School Closures*

 Early lockdown:
 Year 8 (May-July 2020) N = 9600+ at 51 schools (ON, QC, BC)

 2nd/3rd Waves:
 Year 9 (2020-21) N = 55,000 at 133 schools (ON, QC, BC, AB) *Current School Year*

 Sustained Effect:
 Year 10 (2021-22)



Mixed Methods Study: COVID-19 & Youth Mental Health

Funded by a SickKids Foundation/Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) New Investigator Grant (#NI21-1193).

Qualitative

To explore youth experiences of COVID-19, specifically school closures/re-openings & impacts on their mental health

Semi-Structured Interviews with ~25-30 youth in Ontario, BC, Alberta, & Quebec

Quantitative

- To leverage pre-during-post COVID-19 COMPASS data to explore:
- 1. Effects on youth mental health
- 2. Inequities
- 3. Risk & protective factors at the student, school, & wider community level

COMPASS Youth Ambassador Committee 10 youth ON, BC, AB, & QC

Public Health Ontario Knowledge Users

Integration of results

What types of questions can COMPASS answer?

COMPASS data allow for a number of different analytical strategies for examining each of the outcomes.

Cross-sectional analyses include, but are not limited to:

- Identification of high-risk individuals or high-risk school environments;
- Examination of between-school variability in the different student-level outcomes among students;
- Examination of the co-occurrence of different outcomes; &,
- Hierarchical analyses examining the student- & school-level characteristics associated with each outcome.



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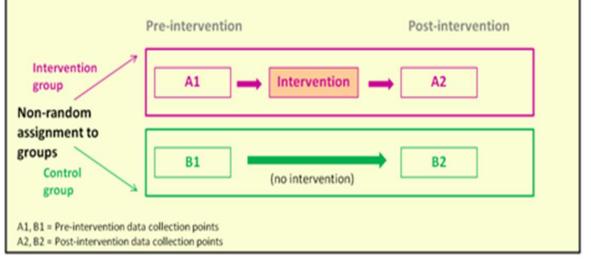
Longitudinal analyses include, but are not limited to:

- The **temporal sequence** for the development of outcomes or co-occurrence of outcomes;
- How changes in school-, community-, or provincial-level characteristics (programs, policies, or built environment resources) are related to changes in school-level prevalence or individual student-level outcomes over time;

(i.e., natural experiments)

• How **trajectories** of outcomes are predicted by other outcomes (e.g. do increases in cannabis use over time impact anxiety?) & sociodemographic characteristics of students &/or schools.

Classical Quasi-Experimental Design





Value of the system

In this one simple cost-effective system, we can:

- Pivot rapidly to collect large volumes of youth data in our well-established research infrastructure in schools across Canada
- Simultaneously collect repeat cross-sectional & longitudinal data (there is no extra cost for longitudinal data)
- Evaluate the 100s of program/policy changes that occur in COMPASS schools annually across a variety of priority topics (including COVID-19)
- Evaluate the impact that emerging provincial prevention initiatives on youth outcomes over time
 E.g., Ontario's distribution plan for legalized cannabis sales, Ontario allowing alcohol sales in grocery stores, etc.
- Explore how changes to federal policies impact youth outcomes over time.

E.g., the legalization of cannabis in Canada, changes to e-cigarette/vaping product regulations, etc.



Opportunities to Collaborate

- COMPASS data is available to other researchers &/or stakeholders willing to collaborate:
 - secure file transfer available at UW
 - de-identified data
- We are willing to share tools and resources when possible e.g., statistical modelling can be provided
- Student projects & trainees are prioritized
- Future funding proposals

Anything that helps advance practice-based evidence & promotes youth health.





Preliminary Substance Results During COVID-19 Pandemic

Using Repeat Cross-Sectional Data Only

Snapshot of some recent substance use data (2015-16 to 2019-20)

Table 1. School- and student-level sample size by wave in the COMPASS Study (2015-16 to 2019-20).

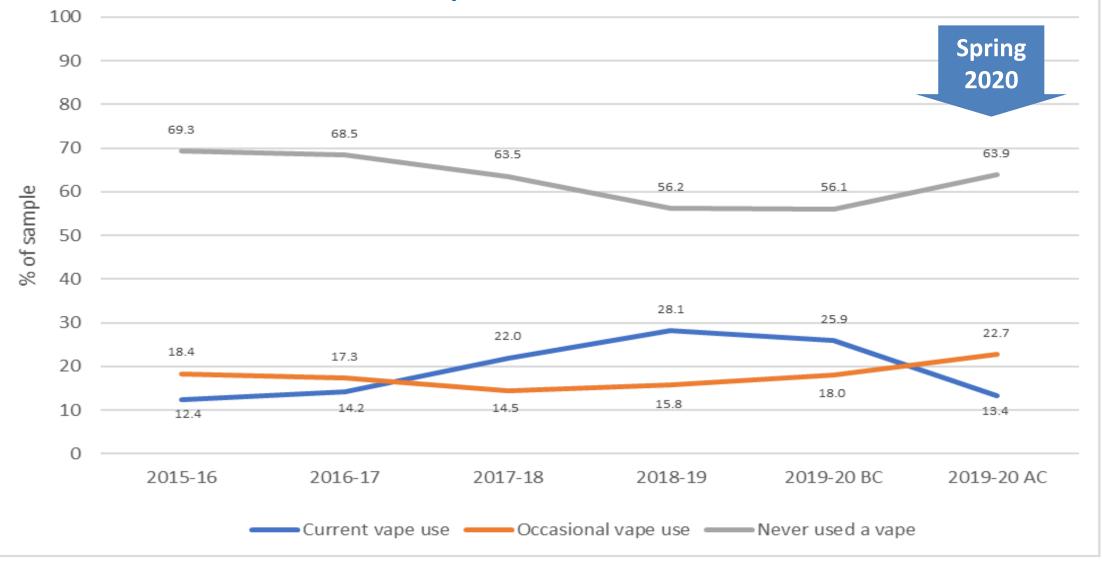
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		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20 ^{BC}	2019-20 ^{AC}
Students	TOTAL	40436	46862	66434	74501	29770	9630
	Alberta	3330	2982	3243	3301	2160	0
	British Columbia	0	3617	12523	10402	6872	473
	Ontario	37106	34078	31654	30675	8968	3105
	Quebec	0	6185	19014	30123	11770	6052
Schools	TOTAL	81	93	122	136	51	51
	Alberta	9	9	8	8	6	0
	British Columbia	0	5	16	15	9	2
	Ontario	72	68	61	61	18	20
	Quebec	0	11	37	52	18	29
Notes: ⁺ based on a typical school year, September to May. 2019-20 ^{BC} Data collected before the onset of COVID-19 (September to March 10, 2020)							

2019-20 AC Data collected after the start of COVID-19 pandemic (April to July 2020)

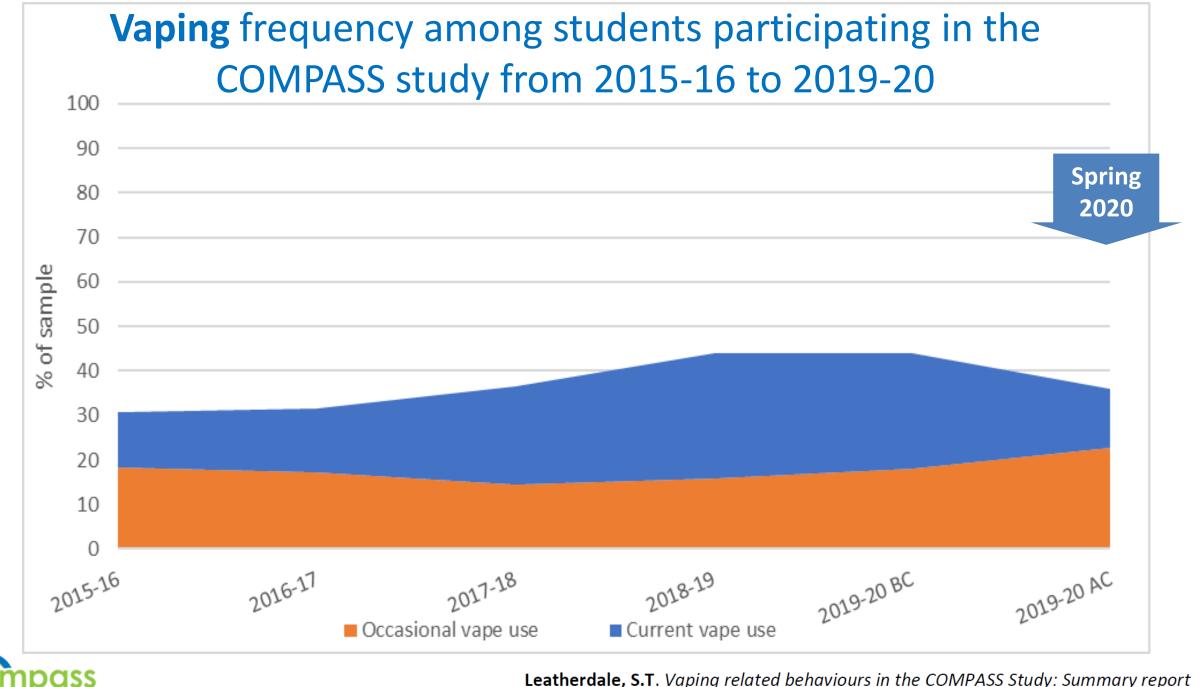


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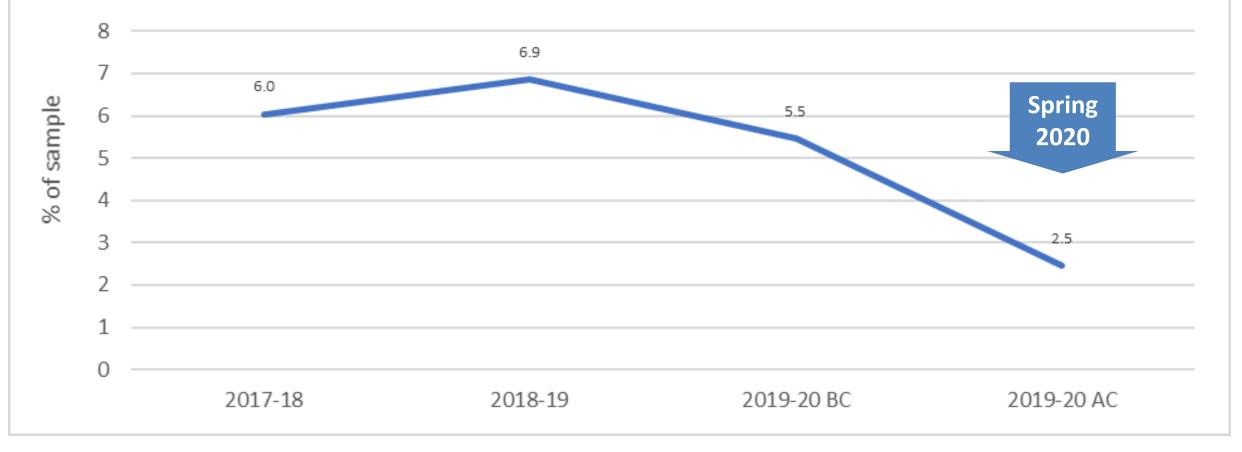


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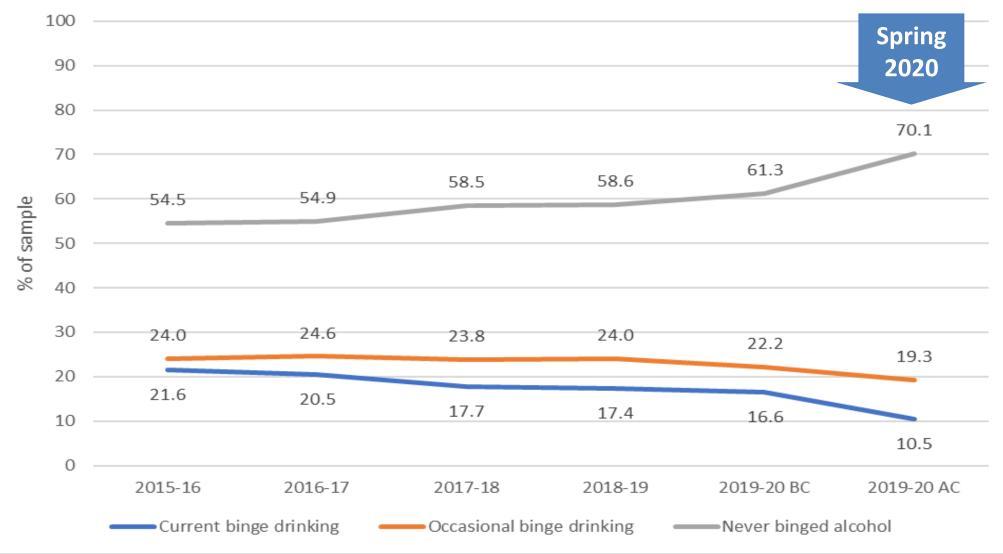
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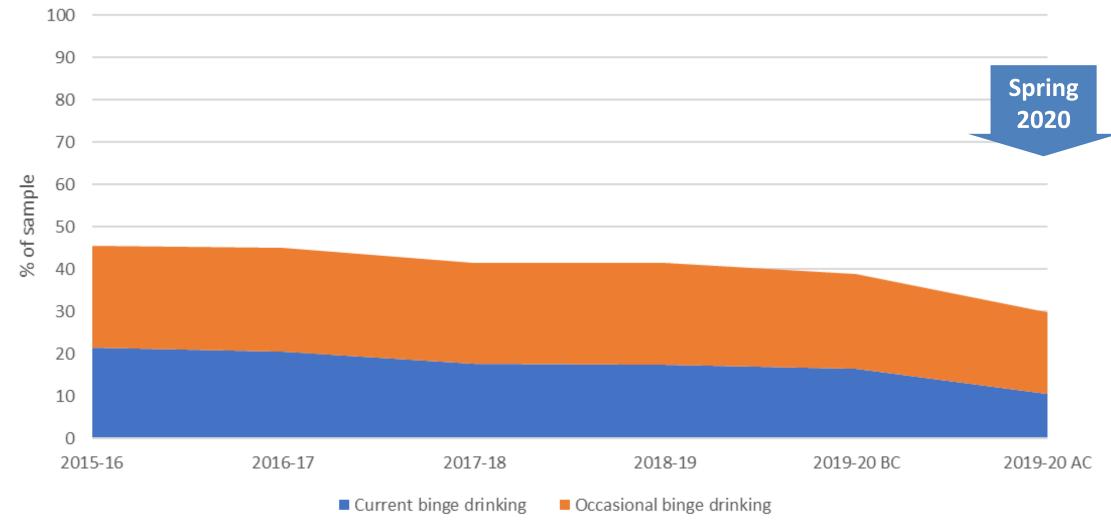


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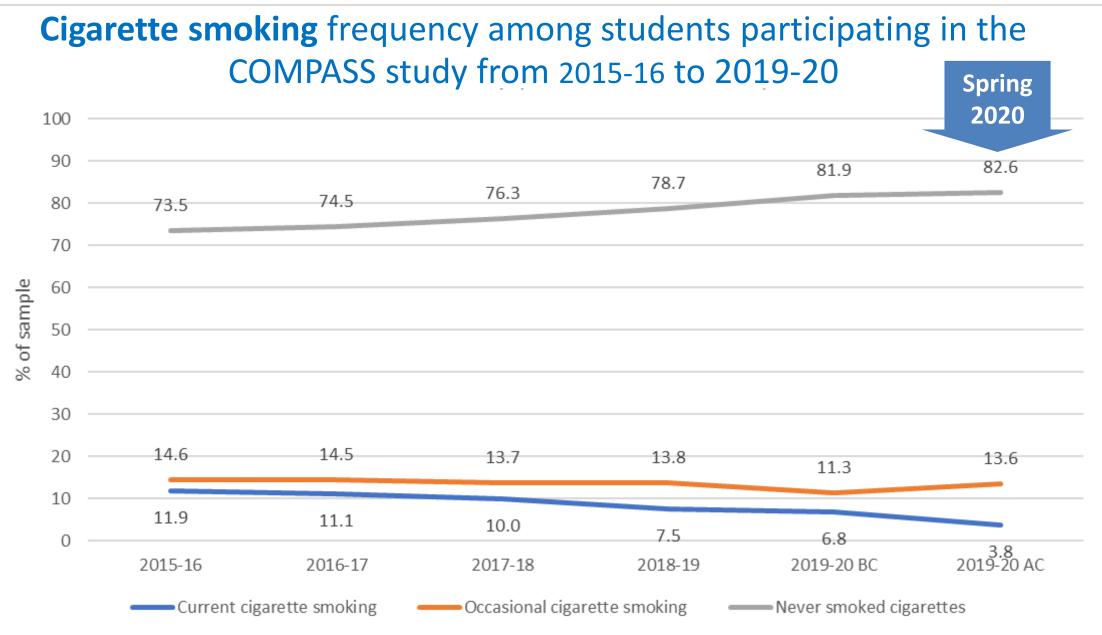
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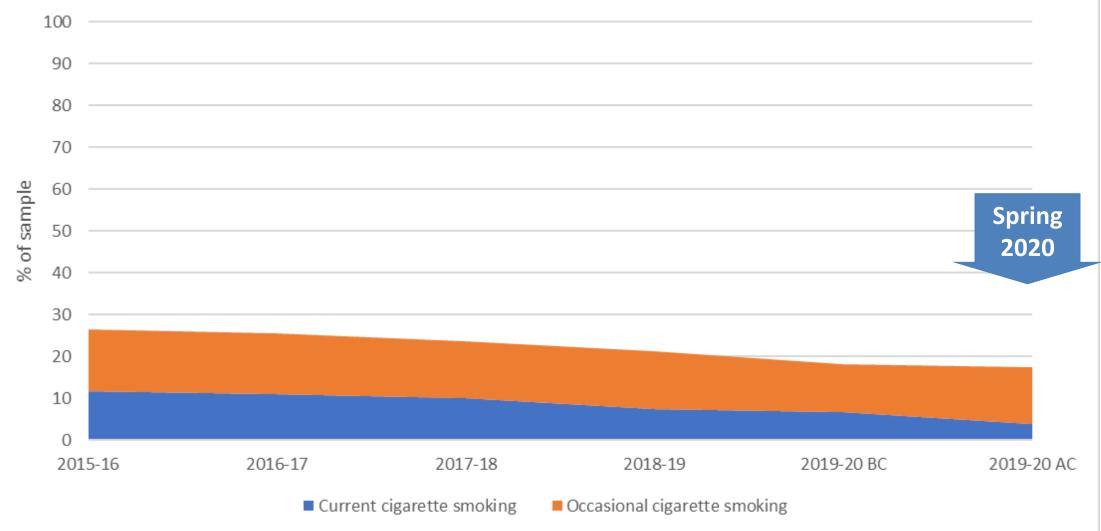




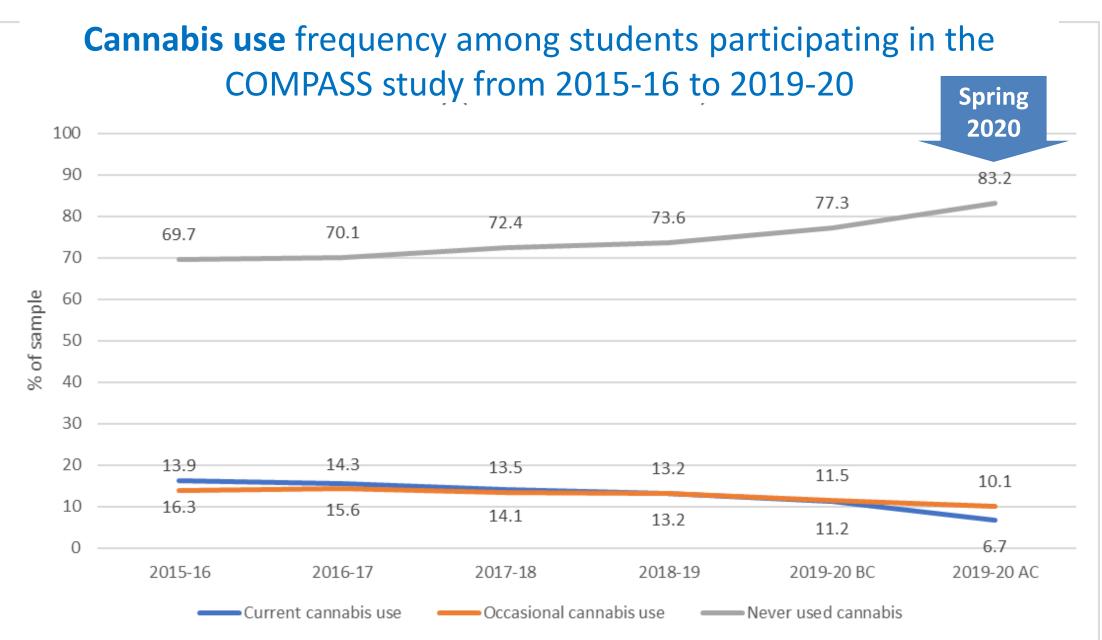




Cigarette smoking frequency among students participating in the COMPASS study from 2015-16 to 2019-20

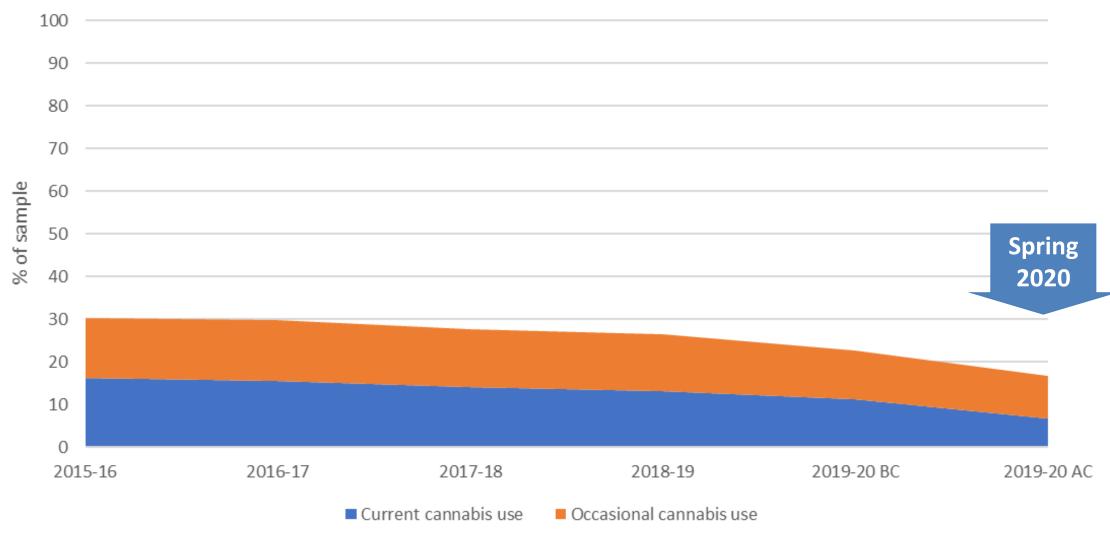








Cannabis use frequency among students participating in the COMPASS study from 2015-16 to 2019-20





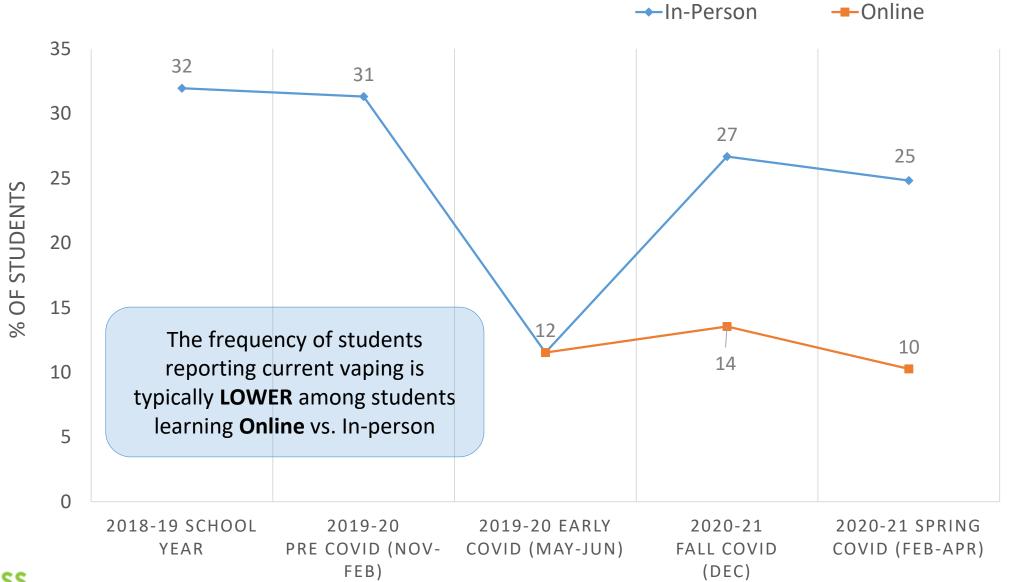
Ontario Data Presented Here

(Cross-sectional)

Wave:	2018-19 School Year	2019-20 <u>Pre</u> COVID-19 (Nov-Feb)	2019-20 <u>Early</u> COVID-19 (May-Jun)	2020-21 <u>Fall</u> COVID-19 (Dec)	2020-21 <u>Spring</u> COVID-19 (Feb-Apr)
Students:	30,675	8968	3105	2334	4302
Schools:	61	18	20	6	19
Curriculum Mode: N					
In-Person	30675	8968	0	963	3606
Alternating	0	0	0	1179	92
Online	0	0	3105	192	604
%					
In Person	100%	100%	0%	41%	84%
Alternating	0%	0%	0%	51%	2%
Online	0%	0%	100%	8%	14%



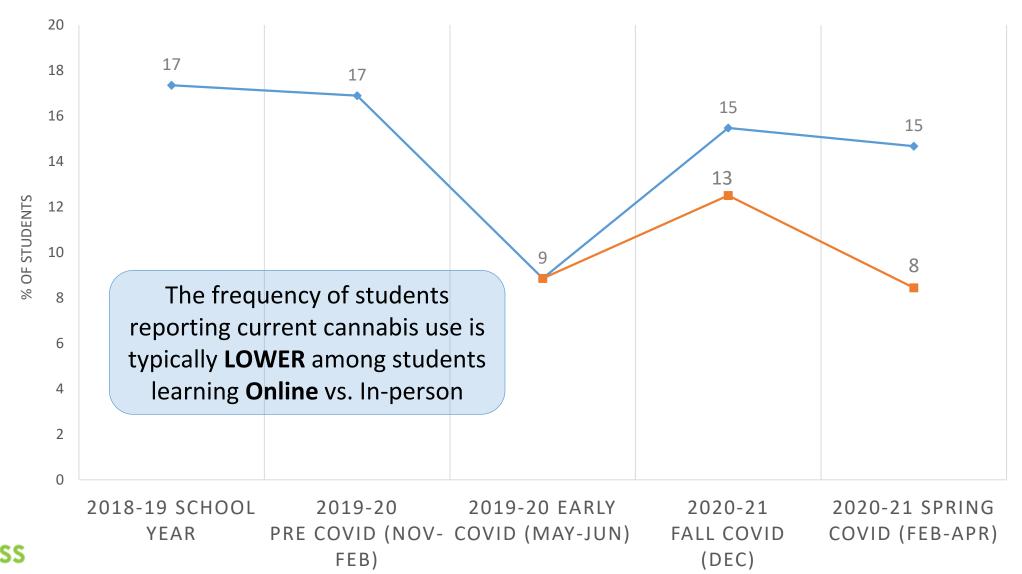
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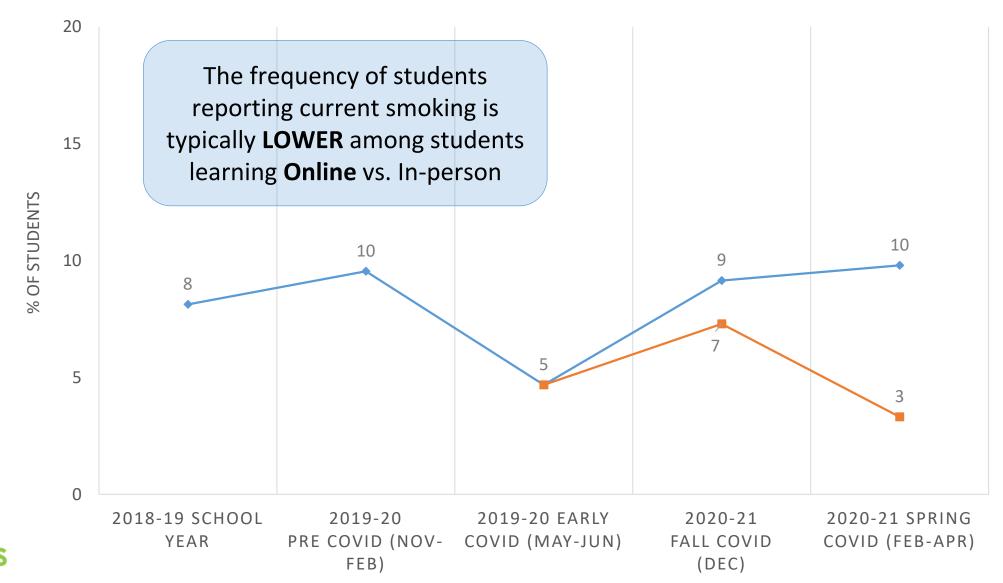
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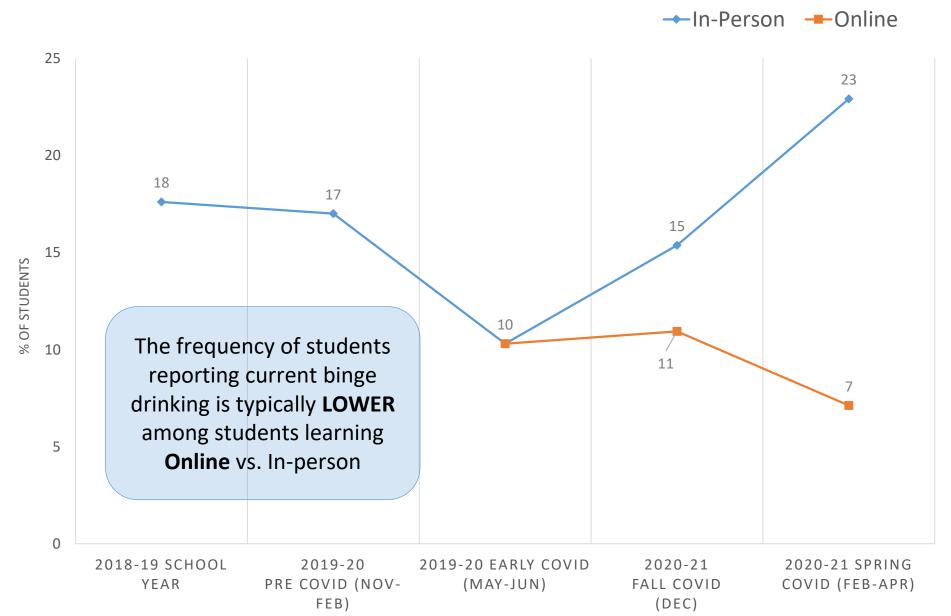


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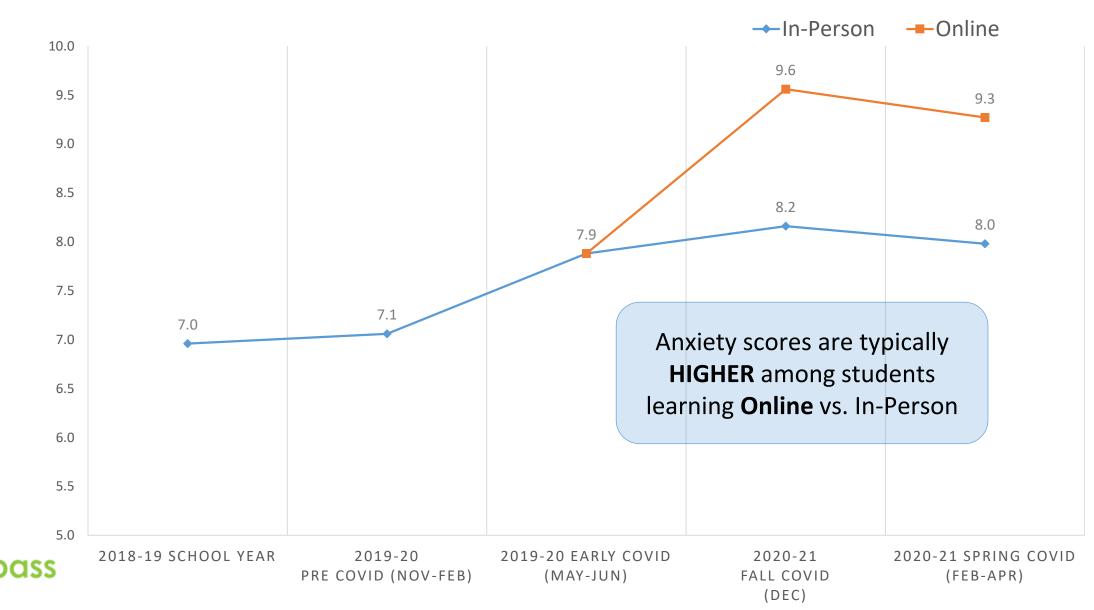
% of students who report current **binge drinking** by Learning Modality



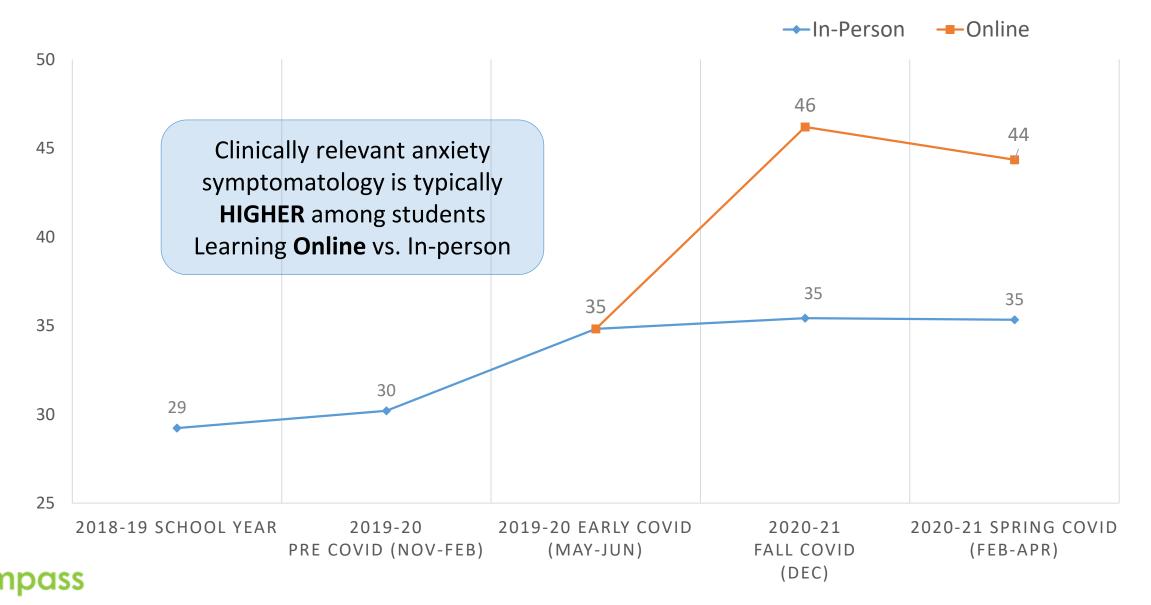
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Average Anxiety Symptoms by Learning Modality

GAD-7 Scale: Range: 0-23; Higher scores = Higher anxiety symptoms; Scores ≥ 10 indicative of clinically relevant symptoms

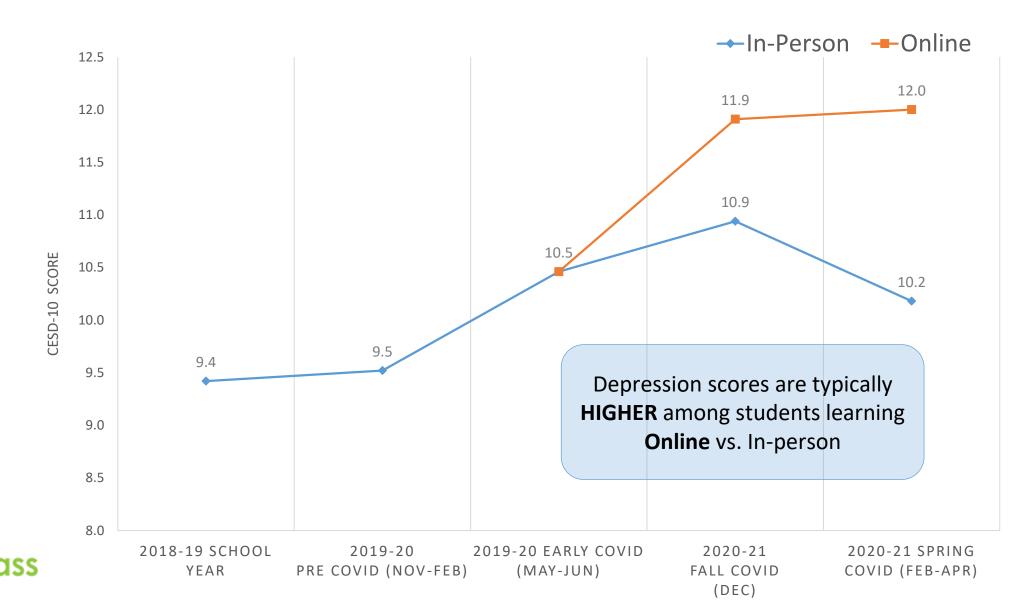


% of Students with Clinically Relevant Anxiety Symptoms by Learning Modality GAD-7 Scale: Scores ≥ 10

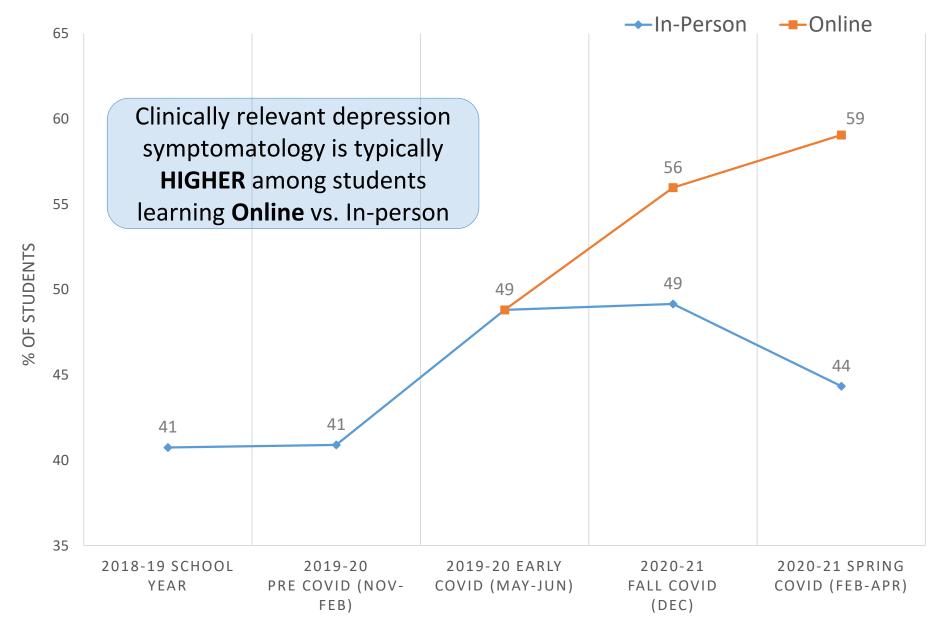


Average Depression Symptoms by Learning Modality

CESD-10 Scale: Range: 0-30; Higher scores = Higher depressive symptoms; Scores ≥ 10 indicative of clinically relevant symptoms



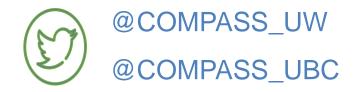
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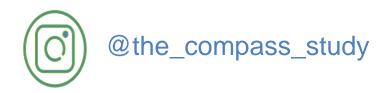




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