Promoting policy equity from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic among Orthodox Jews in Montreal: An inter-disciplinary mixed methods syndemic study

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We are shifting from a unilateral to a *syndemic* approach to studying the cumulative disease effects – socio-political and biological – on the Orthodox Jewish community. This is a path forward for studying the complex disease experiences of marginalized communities.

- Fifty-three clinics & 257 blood samples
- June 2021: 51% of community members had antibodies for COVID-19, compared with ~10% of the Canadian population
- Orthodox Jewish women: greater satisfaction with Quebec health services and higher trust in government
- Themes of family intensification, community-based disease management, dissatisfaction with public health communications, interconnection between vaccinations and travel, and a culturally informed mistrust of "outsiders"

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