



Medical Respite: Care for People Experiencing Homelessness After Hospital Discharge

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“What?”

Greenville Community Shelter Clinic (GCSC)

- The Greenville Community Shelter Clinic (GCSC) is a clinic that provides free primary care services
- Located inside the Community Crossroads Center, the homeless shelter that serves Greenville, GCSC primarily serves homeless patients, although all patients are welcome

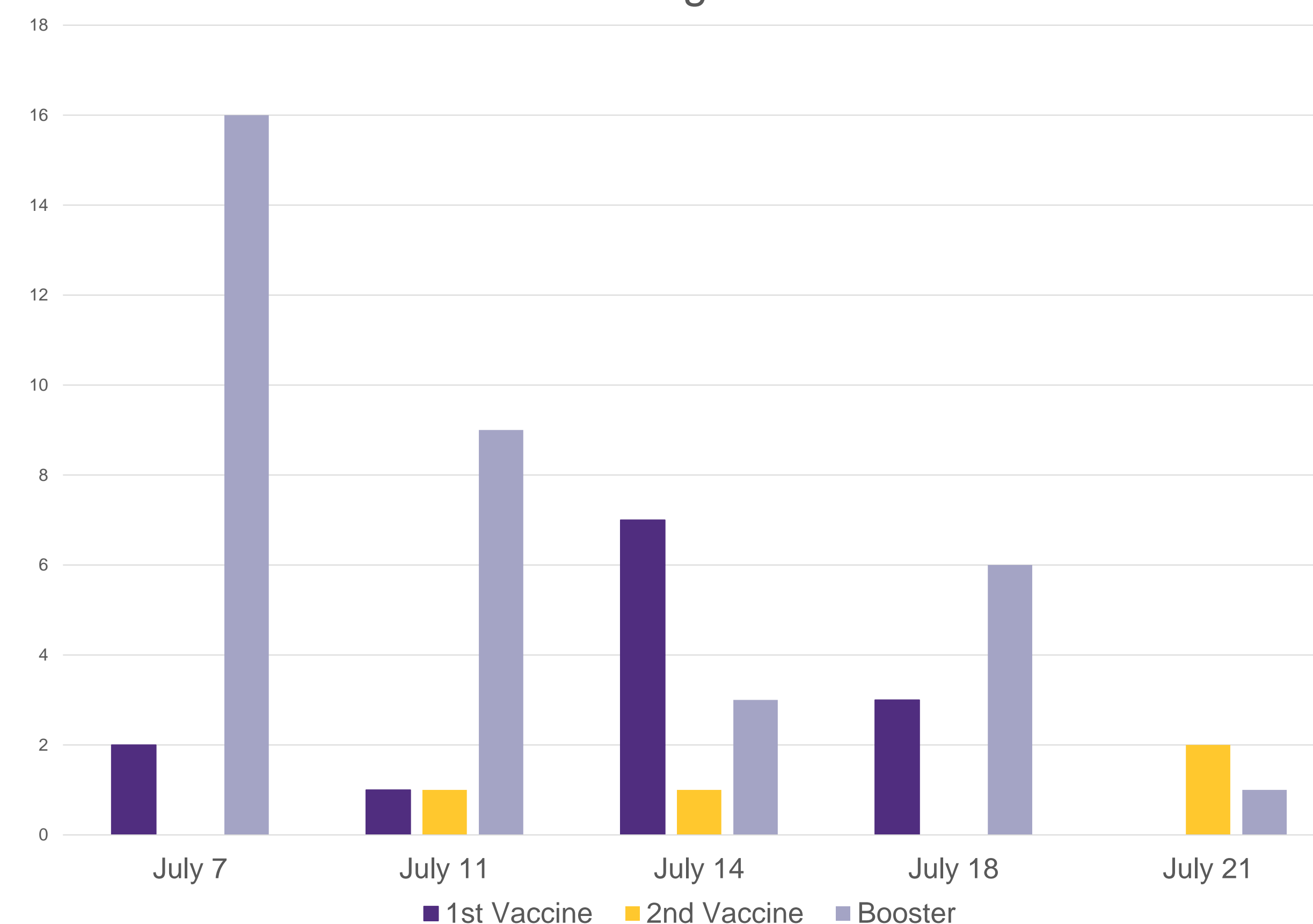


“So What?”

VAXXED & BOOSTED

- West Greenville, where GCSC is located, is historically of lower socioeconomic status, leading to poorer social determinants of health
- Pitt County is ranked 48th out of the 100 counties for COVID vaccination rates, with only 53.8% of the population vaccinated¹
- VAXXED & BOOSTED is a grassroots vaccination campaign that utilized community members as ambassadors to encourage others to get vaccinated for COVID

Vaccinations Given Through VAXXED & BOOSTED



“Now What?”

Medical Respite

- In 2018-2019, 3600 people in Greenville experienced homelessness²
- 40% of the CCC residents have been hospitalized while homeless

A medical respite is “acute and post-acute care for persons experiencing homelessness who are too ill or frail to recover from a physical illness or injury on the streets but are not ill enough to be in a hospital”³

•Medical respites offer:

- Shelter
- Access to social workers
- 24/7 on call caregivers
- Food
- Transportation to and from medical appointments

•Homeless people are more likely to spend longer in the hospital

•Homeless people spend, on average, 3 nights in the hospital per visit, which can cost upwards of \$9,000⁴

•Medical respites cost an average of \$125 to \$325 per night⁵

•Medical respite care reduces hospital readmission and ED recidivism⁶

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