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- Major outbreak
  - several shelters hit at same time
  - >40 in isolation
- New low threshold shelter set up
- Isolation staff increased – equals small acute hospital ward

January 2021
- Outbreak fades
Second emergency shelter
Second isolation facility
Timeline

February 2021
- First negotiations on COVID-vaccinations among homeless and drug users + users nursing homes
- 12th February: First 100 vaccines released for drug users in central city (fast-track in vaccination centre)
- 19th February: First 100 vaccinations in 2 nursing homes for alcohol- and drug users. Large shelters follow
- 12th April – first pop-up in large NGO
Outbreak led to rapid response

- The national board of health and regional healthcare system discussed with Copenhagen City to find a way to send vaccinators into the homelessness institutions.

- We responded by offering to do the job in our network.
  - HealthTeam as vaccinating team in
    - Special nursing homes
    - Shelters
    - NGO’s, including NGO’s for undocumented migrants
National Board of health

Decides provision of vaccines to 7 regions

The provision of vaccines is initially for elderly and chronically ill – and then rolled out to 10 groups

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Copenhagen City Social Services

Gets a delivery of approx. 150 vaccines for homeless and drug users per week

Office staff from social services sets up agreements with all included institutions and sets up vaccination dates

Shelters, NGO’s etc. deliver lists of “probable group 5 persons

Lists are assessed by me 1-2 days before vaccination

Vaccines are delivered at the specific site. HealthTeam vaccinates and registers all in national vaccine register

Second vaccine day is set same day or immediately after and mutually agreed with sites
Status april 2021

- Approximately 900 vaccines delivered
- Nursing homes and large shelters vaccinated twice
- NGO’s vaccinated once
- Migrants: planning has started
  - We have waited for an executive order allowing us to vaccinate migrant homeless without social security and that was delivered last week
Vaccine scepticism generally low in Denmark

Vaccination rate approximately 80-90% or higher at low threshold sites

Lower in less marginalized Danish groups
  - Information overload, myths, Facebook paranoia

Low in eastern European migrant groups, especially Romanian group

There is an increase in interest when the first group has been vaccinated
  - Demonstration of low intensity of side effects

Almost all comes back for second vaccine
SNAPSHOTS
Preplanning in nursing home
Staff from region initially provided Pfizer vaccine to nursing homes
Moderna has been delivered to shelter population
Which makes it possible for team to do all steps
Thank you for listening 😊