Records identified through database searching (MEDLINE, EMBASE, PsychInfo, CINAHL, Web of Science) (n = 966)

Additional records identified through other sources (n = 0)

Records after duplicates removed (n = 771)

Records screened based on title and abstract (n = 771)

Records excluded (n = 744):
- did not focus on respiratory infections (87)
- did not focus on reducing transmission (270)
- did not contain qualitative methods and analysis (216)
- did not concern public perspectives (125)
- focused on vaccination only (46)

Full-text articles assessed for eligibility (n = 27)

Full-text articles excluded (n = 9):
- did not focus on reducing transmission (6)
- did not contain qualitative methods and analysis (1)
- did not concern public perspectives (1)
- focused on vaccination only (1)

Potential papers to be included in review (n = 18)

Papers excluded as a result of quality assessment (n = 1)

Papers included in qualitative synthesis (n = 17)