

Special Advisory Committee (SAC) on COVID-19

Evergreen Forward Agenda

Last Updated: May 28, 2020

Please note, the proposed dates are tentative.

Collective planning

Agenda Items	Date
SAC Forward Planning: Canada's Pandemic Goals	May 31
Developing a better understanding of coming flu season and COVID-19 seasonality to estimate burden on public health and acute care systems including testing	June 4
Planning for Second Wave - Fall/Winter: Approach to cold/flu season with COVID-10	
The future of social distancing: <i>At what point do we feel we can relax the physical distancing measures and under what conditions?</i>	

COVID-19 transmission is controlled

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Revision and recommendations from TAC on CCVO statement on animal testing	May 31
Epidemiological summary report on deaths	Week of June 1
Canadian Water Network research proposal for the testing of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater	Week of June 1
CIHI indicators for assessing system stress and data standards for ethnicity	Week of June 1
New minimum dataset for COVID-19 PT reporting	Week of June 1 TBC
Data optimization plan and data sharing with Statistics Canada	June 4
Technical report/guidance on recovery indicators	Week of June 8
Potential increased need for antimicrobials for treatment of bacterial co-infection	
Vaccine and treatment trials	
NACI vaccine prioritization strategy	
Analysis of severity and co-morbidity	

Sufficient public health capacity is in place to test, trace and isolate all cases

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Pediatric multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children and adolescents temporally related to COVID19	May 28
Testing procurement planning strategy	June 2
Follow-up discussion on planning and experiences with digital solutions for exposure notification and contact tracing	Week of June 2
Evidence review on effectiveness of thermal scanners	
FPT guidance or policy/common messages on private enterprise/employers who may wish to purchase PCR or serological testing for use in workplaces	
Immunity Task Force updates	
Assumptions and forecast on contact tracing in anticipation of increased pressures this fall	
Briefing higher tables on testing guidance and/or broad population testing	May 31 or June 2
Need for national standards for counting the number of tests and positivity rates for PCR testing	
How to address indicators for serological testing that is conducted for clinical purposes rather than seroprevalence studies?	

Expanded health care capacity exists: the incidence of new cases should be maintained at a level that the health system can manage including substantial clinical care capacity to respond to surges

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Part III PPE Supply and modelling of needs for health care and beyond (domestic, international)	Week of June 1
Public health advice on the use of PPE in health settings where the rate of transmission/infection is low	

Supports are in place for vulnerable groups/communities and key populations to minimize outbreak risks

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Risk Mitigation Guidance for child and youth settings operating during the COVID-19 pandemic	May 28
Expanding Virtual Care Capacity in Canada's Northern Regions & update on other activities of the Working Group	Week of June 1
Experiences in outbreak prevention and management	May 28
Risk Mitigation Tool for Mass Gatherings and follow-up discussion on indoor/outdoor gathering limits	Week of June 1
Temporary Foreign Workers: <i>Should they work while in quarantine?</i> April 22 ESDC Guidance	Week of June 1
Lessons learned in operationalizing homeless sector guidance	

Regular Indigenous, Remote and Rural Working Group Debrief/business	
Supplemental LTC setting guidance	
Options for visiting residents in LTC facilities, sharing approaches (e.g., outdoor visits respecting social distancing) (all, including QC policy)	
CRISM guidance documents on COVID-19	

Workplace preventive measures are established to reduce risk

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Experiences/best practices in supporting the food sector, AB to share learning from meatpacking plant and work camp outbreak prevention and management (Follow-up from May 7 SAC) – part of lessons learned on outbreak mgmt	May 28

Avoiding risk of importation cases

Agenda Items	Date
Approach to professional sports organizations	May 31
Border measures- keeping families together	May 31
Border Measures Part II - Planning for eventual re-opening	

Engage and support communities to adjust to the new normal

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