

Meeting Summary
CPHO Health Professional Forum
COVID-19 Update – July 27, 2020

Situational Update

Kerry Robinson (KR) spoke to the domestic situation including the changing epidemiological picture, current evidence related to airborne transmission, brief update on the exposure notification app, and new guidance: clinician's guide, post-secondary institution guidance, NACI research priorities, (*coming soon*) K-12 guidance

KR presented the PHAC stats related to the **preventative care social media campaign**.

- **CPhA** – asked about goals for the campaign (e.g., metrics/benchmarks to assess performance); KR noted this question would be posed to the Comms team at PHAC for follow-up

KR referenced recent statement on **relabelling of PPE coming out of China**, provided further clarification from PPE team (clarification previously provided to CMA as they asked the question about difference between Chinese and Canadian standards).

KR reminded Forum members about **NACI survey on COVID-19 Vaccine Strategies** disseminated to Forum members on behalf of NACI.

Planning for Fall 2020/21 Influenza Vaccination – Presentation by CIRID (Althea House)

- CIRID presented deck with three sections: Vaccine Supply, Guidance (fractional dosing, wait period reduction), and Awareness Campaign

Input from Forum Members (RE: Influenza Vaccination Presentation):

- **CMA**: They are interested in amplifying the messages
 - **Question**: in regards to public funding, are there any discussions at this point for universal coverage for influenza vaccination; reply – not at present
- **CPhA**: asked a question about vaccine supply and if there would be any changes or modifications to the schedule of delivery because of the increased demand seen in the southern hemisphere
 - Interested in the guidance to come on fractional dosing; CIRID team noted that estimated time is Sept/Oct
 - Very interested in the guidance on the reduction of wait times, requested information sooner in order to have time to prepare; CIRID team noted estimated time is Aug/Sept
 - Made a note that they would like the guidance to be more “agnostic” in regards to the places where vaccinations are administered (i.e., rather than using the word “clinics” should be broader/more inclusive, such as practice-sites
- **CNA**: asked about considerations for healthcare workers in guidance, such as alternate providers for vaccination
- **IPAC**: Noted that they would be interested in amplifying messages

Additional input from Members:

CPS: asked about messaging for vaccination for back-to-school, will there be reminders for parents/care-givers to get kids vaccinated; CIRID team said they will address this topic

Follow-ups:

- Secretariat to solicit feedback on Going Out Safely Infographic
- Secretariat to gauge interest in presentation on exposure notification app when more data is available
- Secretariat to collect social media stats from Forum Members RE: Preventative Health Campaign
- Secretariat to collect feedback on key proposed messages for influenza vaccination
- Secretariat to follow-up with CIRID team on back-to-school vaccination catch-up campaign (Tara Bitel)