

Special Advisory Committee (SAC) on COVID-19 Forward Agenda

Guidance

- COVID-19 Policies for Policing Justice and Corrections (Mar. 26)
- COVID-19 Guidance for Employers
- Approach to providing information to travellers at land borders (led by PHAC/CBSA)
- COVID-19 Guidance Framework for Long-term Care Facilities and Settings for Older Adults
- Virtual Care and Self-Assessment Tools

PPE

- Scarce Resource Allocation Framework (led by LAC)

Testing

- Alternative swab technologies (STI swabs) and alternative testing methods (serology tests) (led by TAC)
- Testing availability: Local testing across major sites in P/Ts with capacity to identify patients who need to remain in isolation
- Systematic testing for SARS-CoV-2 in adults hospitalized with severe acute respiratory illness
- COVID-19 testing on respiratory virus panels
- Update from Health Canada on point of care testing / rapid diagnostics

Epidemiology & Research

- Analysis of severity and co-morbidity (led by TAC)
- Smoking and COVID-19: Case reporting form and other guidance/reference documents (led by TAC)
- Airplane contact tracing protocol discussion
- CIHI's proposed indicators for assessing system stress (led by CIHI)
- Possible NAC-IPC update on new COVID-19 transmission routes
- ON and BC's experience with clinical care and management of cases
- Special investigation studies, detailed case forms, and surveillance measures beyond the first 100 cases (led by TAC)
- Initial results from PHAC modelling group

Forward Planning

- Potential increased need for antimicrobials for treatment of bacterial co-infection (led by TAC)
- Discussion of readiness of community providers/clinics and capacity of public health at regional level to provide supports in context of pandemic scenario
- FPT Northern WG discussion on ways to support Indigenous, northern, rural, and remote communities with planning and response activities.

Misc.

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- Discussion on future de-escalation of measures (e.g. measures regarding travellers from Hubei)
- Stakeholder engagement activities on COVID-19
- Discussion around ramping up healthcare system response structure
- Discussion on inter-provincial travel restrictions
- Process for designating an organization as essential/critical

Note: Dates are tentative