

Kerry Robinson (KR) spoke to the domestic situation including testing rates and capacity, existing guidance (risk assessment tool for gatherings and events, covid-19 and substance use and CRISM's portal) and upcoming guidance (updates to symptoms, clinical guide, and care of residents in LTC homes).

KR mentioned that the social media campaign is at the mid-point and thanks members for their ongoing support.

### **Forward Planning**

**SOGC:** Concerns about pregnant workers and the severity of illness among pregnant women.

Cited two sources:

1. [Respiratory consequences of N95-type: Mask usage in pregnant healthcare workers](#)
2. [Characteristics of Women of Reproductive Age with Laboratory-Confirmed SARS-CoV-2 Infection by Pregnancy Status — United States, January 22–June 7, 2020](#)

### **Data Presentation**

Rhonda Kropp (RK), Jessica Halverson (JH) and Kelly Taylor provided updates on their work on COVID-19 and the impacts on HCWs.

Members provided the following feedback:

**CMA:** In preparation for the next wave, it would be beneficial if data was collected in a standardized manner on the impacts on health care workers. Discussion on this may be beneficial at the FPT level through SAC or other mechanisms.

RK outlined that PHAC is working on a national data set for COVID-19 that includes occupations as well as looking at enhancing surveillance that captures the experiences of HCWs in a variety of settings (e.g., hospitals).

**CMA:** Asked if the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety is involved.

RK outlined PHAC's agreement with CCOHS to assist with promoting guidance in workplace settings, but they are not involved in this specific project.

**CMA:** Noted that the variables may want to define "facilities."

JH outlined that they will be expanding upon the variables.

### **Modelling Presentation**

Dr. Nicholas Ogden presented a deck on predictive modelling of COVID-19 in Canada to inform public health measures to Forum members. He covered topics such as: impacts of removing restrictions, effective reproductive number, benefits of contact tracing (speed and completeness as factors), and the delay between infection and detection within the models.

Members showed a strong interest in wanting to share the deck. Secretariat noted that deck can be shared within HP Forum organizations within executive team.

**Follow-Ups**

Secretariat will share social media campaign metrics.

RK and JH will continue to update the Forum on the project as it develops. They will be looking for opportunities to collaborate with Forum members to increase the reach their work.

Secretariat may invite Dr. Ogden back to present new modelling at a future date.

Secretariat to share tool (COVID-19 Models from the Public Health Agency of Canada) hosted by National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases. Tool is found online at:

<https://nccid.ca/news/phac-modelling/>

Secretariat will follow-up on dates for July and August meeting