

CPHO HP Forum – June 15th (Meeting Summary)

Kerry Robinson (KR) spoke to the domestic situation including testing rates and capacity, FPT updates (lessons learned on outbreak prevention and management), border measures (recent changes to entry exemptions and considerations to importation cases), and new guidance (public health ethics, risk mitigation tools, and PPE conservation strategies)

KR addressed the virtual care campaign that launched June 15th (today)

Questions and Issues from Members

KR highlighted recent reporting on issue of decreased childhood vaccinations due to COVID-19

Noted on the forward agenda that the Forum will address Vaccination – influenza, including considerations RE: COVID-19 and the childhood series; SOGS noted interruption of HPV Vaccination goals (aiming for 90% coverage); and IPCC noted that the flu vaccine may not be finalized until later in the year and that consideration could be made for Canadians having the flu vaccine before any potential COVID-19 vaccine.

Data Presentation

Rhonda Kropp (RK) introduced the proposal to collect more information in regards to COVID-19 and the impacts on HCWs.

Members provided the following feedback:

Collect the following data: Asymptomatic/Symptomatic; Private/Public; coping strategies (at the organizational level); exposure setting: community/occupational; what IPC resources are made available to HCWs; differences between public/private institutions; what coping behaviours are organizations supporting among their employees; data on clinical outcomes, severity and illness; race and ethnicity data; organizational barriers to access PPE; mental health considerations.

Qualitative information: document “stories” from HCWs to contextualize data/trends

Considerations for not just supply/procurement, but in-facility access, are there organizational/management barriers to PPE?

IPAC Canada noted that their current data on HWCs is largely anecdotal

KR asked CMA to share its new project on mental health for physicians (phone line)

Forward Planning

CNA: LTC: 2nd wave impact

PHPC: Modelling Work; PPE procurement; COVID-19 Vaccine – Mass vaccination plans

Follow-Ups

Secretariat will arrange for a speaker on modelling

Secretariat will follow-up with members on three issues: forward planning topics, issues with June 29th for the following meeting, further input on data project proposal

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