

## Resurgence Planning Feedback from Stakeholder

following is a list of stakeholder concerns related to resurgence planning. These points were drawn from recent meetings with the CPHO Health Professional Forum and the Health and Allied Health Sector, both groups have been engaged regularly during the first wave. Concerns focus on mitigating the negative impacts observed during the first wave as well as considerations specific to resurgence. Stakeholders are also interested in understand what tools are available to support resurgence planning, such as modelling.

Stakeholders are concerned about:

- Ability to institute a **lockdown** to the previous degree
  - Stakeholders have limited confidence that we can achieve a lockdown to the degree that was achieved in the first wave
- **Hospital Capacity**, in particular because there is low confidence in instituting a lockdown
  - Stakeholders identified a need to increase clarity on alternatives to emergency/hospital intake to preserve capacity to respond to resurgence
- **Mental and Emotional Wellbeing of healthcare workers**, in particular, healthcare workers who will be redeployed into ICUs to support any surges
- **Personal Protective Equipment**: procurement, supply, potential gaps; stakeholders are concerned about a repeat of the situation in the first wave
- **High-risk Settings**: congregate living (long-term care, correctional facilities)
- Further **backlog** in healthcare system due to delayed care
  - Stakeholders have expressed that they do not want to shutdown primary care again
- **Vaccination** for COVID-19 and for other vaccine-preventable disease
  - Stakeholders are particularly concerned about how influenza season will impact resurgence, have asked about government plans and status for the coming influenza season
  - Stakeholders have expressed a need to increase public education to encourage uptake of the influenza vaccine
  - Stakeholders have also expressed concern about potential outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases due to missed/deferred vaccinations (e.g., childhood vaccination series)
- **Travel and Border Health**: impacts stemming from local, inter-provincial, and international travel
- **Awareness and Education**: Knowledge dissemination, in particular for politicians
- In a July 9 [press release](#), the Canadian Medical Association listed five issues Canada needs to address in order to prepare for resurgence, including:
  1. Canadians cannot let their guard down: Public health officials to **continue to ensure that clear, consistent messaging** is provided for Canadians to follow.
  2. **Effective testing and tracing**: Proactive strategic testing of essential workers and susceptible populations is particularly important given that some individuals who contract the virus remain asymptomatic. Access to widespread testing and capacity for contact tracing are yet to be sustained.

3. **Protecting the health and safety of frontline health care workers:** Ensure that health care workers have adequate supplies of PPE, and clearer guidance on appropriate use.
4. **Protecting marginalized and susceptible populations:** Some groups have been disproportionately affected by the first wave of the COVID-19 crisis (e.g., LTC and marginalized populations).
5. Our ability to manage other health care issues: enormity of the **effort and investment required to resume health care services**. A significant proportion of health care services, such as surgeries, procedures and consults considered “nonessential,” have been delayed. As health services begin to resume, health systems will be left to grapple with a significant spike in already lengthy waiting times.