

**E-mail Invitation:** DM Steering Committee on COVID-19 Risk Management

From: Health Canada DM

To: DMs (List of DM members provided separately)

Subject: Invitation to a new DM Steering Committee on COVID-19 Risk Management

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you again for your ongoing contributions to and support for the whole of government effort to respond to the challenge of COVID-19 over the last five months. Given that the trajectory of the virus and its impacts will continue to evolve, it is critically important at this stage that we deepen our joint work to ensure preparedness for a wide variety of possible future scenarios.

To consolidate our various lines of effort, we are establishing a Steering Committee on COVID-19 Risk Management. This committee aims to ensure horizontal integration and timely implementation of activities and initiatives for the preparedness and management of future COVID-19 scenarios, in particular for a new wave of resurgence, and to provide timely and comprehensive advice to the Clerk and ministers.

This steering committee will begin by focusing on specific areas of the COVID-19 management strategy, including: Surveillance and Data; Borders; Vulnerable Populations; Public Health Measures; Health System Capacity; Testing and Contact Tracing; Personal Protective Equipment; Vaccines and Medical Countermeasures; and Communications. The attached document provides the draft proposed Terms of Reference (TOR).

Considering your important role in advancing this work, I would like to invite you to participate as a member of the steering committee.

Thank you for considering this role. I would be grateful if you would be able to respond by return email confirming your participation, copying the secretariat at [matt.carkner2@canada.ca](mailto:matt.carkner2@canada.ca).

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