Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), Influenza, & Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

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Note: As of October 17, 2023 this document will include updates for other respiratory diseases of public health concern, primarily influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).

Additionally, the “Guidelines and Technical documents” section [last updated July 26, 2023] will no longer be updated, but is archived as an appendix at the end of this document.

Moving forward, any news and guidance updates will be cycled through the New Content section below, as always with the dates of the latest additions bolded.

This document is a collation of resources for your reference. For official guidance on COVID-19, Influenza, and RSV in Ontario, please visit the Ministry of Health (COVID-19 | The Flu | RSV).

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Public Health Agencies

Public Health Agency of Canada | canada.ca
- COVID-19 epidemiology update: testing and variants [updated 04-09-2024]
- Key COVID updates [updated 04-09-2024]
  - Weekly change in cases: 1,486
  - Total cases: 4,947,675
  - Weekly change in deaths: 33
  - Total deaths: 59,083
  - Weekly tests reported: 29,526
  - Weekly percent positivity: 4.9%
- COVID-19 activity levels [updated 04-09-2024]
- FluWatch summary: March 24 to March 30, 2024 (week 13) [04-05-2024]
- COVID-19 daily epidemiology update [updated regularly]
- Respiratory virus detections in Canada [updated regularly]

BC Centre for Disease Control | bccdc.ca
- Epi week 12: Mar 17 to Mar 23, 2024 [04-04-2024]
- COVID-19 situation report [updated 04-04-2024]
- Genomic surveillance [updated 04-04-2024]
- Wastewater surveillance [updated 04-04-2024]
- Acute care and long-term care outbreaks [updated 04-04-2024]
- Viral pathogen characterization [updated 04-04-2024]
- Primary care visits for respiratory illness [updated 04-04-2024]
- Emergency department visits for respiratory illness in BC [updated 03-28-2024]
- Respiratory season reports [updated regularly]

Institut national de santé publique | inspq.qc.ca | inspq.qc.ca/en/
- Perceptions, attitudes et comportements - 9 mars 2024 [03-27-2024]
- Vaccination contre la COVID-19 : recommandations pour le printemps 2024 [03-20-2024]
- Surveillance de l’influenza et des infections respiratoires virales [03-04-2024]

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | cdc.gov
- Update: human infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus in Texas [04-05-2024]
- Health Alert Network (HAN): Highly pathogenic avian influenza A(H5N1) virus: identification of human infection and recommendations for investigations and response [04-05-2024]
- Respiratory Virus Data Channel weekly snapshot [updated 04-05-2024]
- MMWR. Federal retail pharmacy program contributions to bivalent mRNA COVID-19 vaccinations across sociodemographic characteristics — United States, September 1, 2022—September 30, 2023 [04-04-2024]
• **Assessing measles outbreak risk in the United States** [04-04-2024]
• **Emerg Infect Dis. Bus riding as amplification mechanism for SARS-CoV-2 transmission, Germany, 2021** [04-01-2024]
• **Highly pathogenic avian influenza A (H5N1) virus infection reported in a person in the U.S.** [04-01-2024]
• **Immunization and Respiratory Diseases Bulletin** [updated regularly]
• **COVID Data Tracker** [updated regularly]
• **Respiratory virus index** [updated regularly]

**ECDC: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control | ecdc.europa.eu**

• **Interim analysis of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against hospitalisation due to COVID-19 and death using electronic health records in eight European countries: first update** [04-08-2024]
• **Systematic review update on the efficacy, effectiveness and safety of newer and enhanced seasonal influenza vaccines for the prevention of laboratory confirmed influenza in individuals aged 18 years and over** [04-08-2024]
• **Communicable disease threats report, 31 March - 6 April 2024, week 14** [04-05-2024]
• **Weekly respiratory virus update, week 13, April 2024** [04-05-2024]
• **Understanding avian influenza pandemic drivers crucial in reducing risks to human health** [04-03-2024]
• **Drivers for a pandemic due to avian influenza and options for One Health mitigation measures** [04-03-2024]
• **Overview of respiratory virus epidemiology in the EU/EEA weekly overview (week 11, 2024)** [03-26-2024]

*ECDC and the WHO Regional Office for Europe have jointly developed the European Respiratory Virus Surveillance Summary (ERVISS)*

- Syndromic surveillance in primary and secondary care indicates that respiratory activity continues to decrease and has returned to baseline levels in most EU/EEA countries.
- Seasonal influenza activity at EU/EEA level continues to decrease and is no longer above the 10% positivity threshold.
  - The primary care pooled test positivity at EU/EEA level has been below 10% for two consecutive weeks, with half of countries reporting test positivity below 10%. Similarly, the pooled test positivity in secondary care was below 10% and is continuing to decrease.
  - Seasonal influenza activity decreased earlier this winter period compared to the trends observed in the past five years (excluding the 2020/2021 season with almost no activity).
  - Most countries now report baseline or low levels of influenza intensity and baseline rates of influenza-like illness (ILI). Countries continue to report a mix of geographical spread, indicating continued heterogeneity of influenza activity at country level.
  - In week 13, B/Victoria lineage was the most detected virus in the EU/EEA. For the first time this season, there was more Influenza B than Influenza A detected, although the detections remain low and continue to decrease.
- RSV activity continued to decrease to low levels at the EU/EEA level and in most reporting countries.
- SARS-CoV-2 activity remained low in all EU/EEA countries.
FDA: U.S. Food & Drug Administration | fda.gov

- Vaccines protect children from harmful infectious diseases [updated 04-09-2024]
- Ivermectin and COVID-19 [updated 04-09-2024]
- FDA roundup: April 05, 2024 [04-05-2024]
  - Today, the FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for OSANG LLC’s QuickFinder COVID-19/Flu Antigen Self Test, a single use test intended to detect and differentiate influenza A and B (commonly known as flu) and SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), in individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory infection consistent with COVID-19 within the first five days of symptom onset when tested at least twice over three days with at least 48 hours between tests. [...] 
  - On Wednesday, the FDA issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for OSANG LLC’s QuickFinder COVID-19/Flu Antigen Self Test, a single use test intended to detect and differentiate influenza A and B (commonly known as flu) and SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19), in individuals with signs and symptoms of respiratory infection consistent with COVID-19 within the first four days of symptom onset when tested at least twice over three days with at least 48 hours between tests. [...] 

- Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee May 16, 2024 meeting announcement [02-26-2024]
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) update: daily roundup [updated regularly]

UK Government | gov.uk

- UK Health Security Agency
  - COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test kit instructions: throat and nose test [updated 04-09-2024]
  - COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test kit instructions: ACON Flowflex [updated 04-09-2024]
  - COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test kit instructions: Orient Gene [updated 04-09-2024]
  - COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test kit instructions: SureScreen [updated 04-09-2024]
  - COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test kit instructions: Getein Biotech [updated 04-09-2024]
  - Flu and COVID-19 surveillance report published [updated 04-04-2024]
  - SIREN study: providing vital research into COVID-19 immunity and vaccine effectiveness nationally [updated 04-04-2024]
  - National flu and COVID-19 surveillance reports: 2023 to 2024 season [updated 04-04-2024]
  - Latest measles statistics published [updated 04-04-2024]
  - Measles epidemiology 2023 and 2024 [updated 04-04-2024]
  - Pertussis epidemiology in England 2024 [updated 04-04-2024]
  - Pertussis vaccination in pregnancy: vaccine coverage (England) [updated 04-04-2024]
  - National protocol for COVID-19 mRNA vaccine (5 to 17 years of age) [updated 04-02-2024]
  - National protocol for COVID-19 vaccine (adults) [updated 04-02-2024]

- UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
  - Regulatory approval of Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for COVID-19 [updated 03-21-2024]

World Health Organization | who.int

- Disease outbreak news: avian influenza A(H5N1) - United States of America [04-09-2024]
- Disease outbreak news: avian Influenza A(H5N1) - Viet Nam [04-02-2024]
- Weekly epidemiological record [03-29-2024]
WHO dashboard of COVID-19 related recommendations [updated regularly]
The burden of influenza [03-30-2024]
Influenza health worker vaccination programmes: platforms for pandemic preparedness [03-30-2024]
Updated public health resource pack for countries experiencing outbreaks of influenza in animals published [03-30-2024]
2023: outbreaks of swine influenza [03-30-2024]
2023: outbreaks of avian influenza [03-30-2024]
WHO COVID-19 dashboard [updated regularly]

Other relevant government bodies / health care organizations
- Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety
  - COVID-19 health and safety resources [updated regularly]
- Statistics Canada
  - Nursing and residential care facilities, 2022 [03-19-2024]
  - Canadian health and COVID-19 survey [03-15-2024]

Center for Infectious Disease Research Policy | cidrap.umn.edu
- Rural COVID-19 patients have higher death rates following hospital stays, data reveal [04-08-2024]
- Those not vaccinated against COVID-19 more likely to be poorer, immigrants, study shows [04-08-2024]
- Vietnam reports its first human infection from H9 avian flu virus [04-08-2024]
- Quick takes: US measles cases top 100, WHO extends polio emergency [04-08-2024]
- US flu, COVID, RSV activity continues to recede [04-05-2024]
- Officials warn of H5N1 avian flu reassortant circulating in parts of Asia [04-05-2024]
- No need to avoid exercise with long-COVID diagnosis, researchers say [04-05-2024]
- US drugs with noted supply-chain risks 5 times more likely to go into shortage in early COVID [04-05-2024]
- COVID-19 patients with neurologic symptoms have worse outcomes for up to 3 years, data show [04-05-2024]
- Among fully vaccinated, study shows Paxlovid does not shorten symptoms [04-04-2024]
- Global life span increased since 1990 but took a COVID hit [04-04-2024]
- Study links air quality improvements to fewer school COVID cases [04-04-2024]
- Study shows no link between remdesivir, cardiac events [04-03-2024]
- CDC sequencing of H5N1 avian flu samples from patient yields new clinical clues [04-03-2024]
- Wastewater testing near homeless camps shows COVID-19 viral mutations [04-03-2024]
- Avian flu outbreaks strike commercial farms in Texas and Michigan [04-03-2024]
- Study describes more severe pediatric mental health crises during pandemic [04-02-2024]
- Tests confirm avian flu on New Mexico dairy farm, probe finds cat positives [04-02-2024]
- Quick takes: US measles total climbs to 97, Novavax COVID vaccine data [04-02-2024]
- Avian flu infects person exposed to sick cows in Texas [04-01-2024]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health | ncceh.ca
- January 2024 environmental health research scan [01-01-2024]
- December 2024 environmental health research scan [12-01-2023]
COVID-END | www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end
- Global spotlight 27.1: key additions for March 2023 [03-30-2023]

ProMED | promedmail.org
- Latest on COVID-19 [individual posts]
- COVID-19 update (17): Syria, new variant, fatal [04-07-2024]
- Measles - UK (03) [04-07-2024]
- Avian influenza, human - Viet Nam (04): (TG) HN29, 1st rep, alert [04-06-2024]
- Avian influenza, human - USA (01): (TX) H5N1 ex dairy cows, RFI [04-01-2024]
- Measles - South Sudan: (WE) increasing incidence, fatal [03-31-2024]

Data & Real-time Tracking

COVID-19 resources (case counts) | arcgis.com
- Canada COVID-19 Note: has ceased updates as of 07-03-2023

COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group | COVID-19 CODWG
- COVID-19 in Canada (case count dashboard)

Johns Hopkins CCSE | systems.jhu.edu
- 2019-nCoV Global Cases (by Johns Hopkins CSSE)

NextStrain| nextstrain.org
- Phylogeny of SARS-like betacoronaviruses including novel coronavirus (nCoV)
- Genomic epidemiology of novel coronavirus (nCoV)
- Genomic analysis of nCoV spread. Situation report 2020-01-30

WHO | who.int
- WHO coronavirus (COVID-2019) dashboard

Appendices

Guidelines and Technical documents [ARCHIVED]
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- Canadian guidance (federal)

Reopening/Rebuilding Guidelines

Ontario

- ON Protection from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses [updated 06-15-2023]

Canada (federal) and provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

- CA Guidance for a strategic approach to lifting restrictive public health measures [06-10-2022]
- CA COVID-19: readiness criteria and indicators for easing restrictive public health measures [05-14-2021]
- BC B.C.'s response to COVID-19 [updated 02-11-2023]
- AB COVID-19 public health actions [no date]
- SK Living with COVID [no date]
- MB COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus [no date]
- QC Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Québec [updated 07-20-2023]
- NB Living with COVID-19 [no date]
- NL NL life with COVID-19 [no date]
- PEI COVID-19 [no date]
- NS Government’s response to COVID-19 [updated regularly]
- NW COVID-19 [no date]
- YT Forging ahead: the Yukon's continuing response to COVID-19 [no date]
- NT Nunavut’s Path: living with COVID-19 [no date]

WHO

- End-to-end integration of SARS-CoV-2 and influenza sentinel surveillance: compendium of country approaches [08-02-2023]
- Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: interim guidance [03-30-2023]

ECDC

- Conducting after-action reviews of the public health response to COVID-19: update [03-21-2023]

Vaccinations – General

Ontario Ministry of Health

- COVID-19 vaccine-relevant information and planning resources [updated 07-13-2023]

Canada (Federal)

- Planning guidance for immunization clinics for COVID-19 vaccines [updated 03-06-2023]
• For immunization providers: Interim national vaccine storage, handling and transportation guidelines for ultra-low temperature and frozen temperature COVID-19 vaccines [updated 07-31-2023]
• Guidance on the use of COVID-19 vaccines in the fall of 2023 [updated 07-11-2023]
• Interim guidance on the use of bivalent Omicron-containing COVID-19 vaccines for primary series [updated 07-05-2023]
• Summary of updates in the Canadian Immunization Guide as of June 27, 2023: Updated guidance on COVID-19 vaccines in Canada [updated 06-27-2023]

Provinces and territories (other than Ontario)
• BC COVID-19 vaccine eligibility [updated 08-01-2023]

CDC
• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines including boosters [updated 07-17-2023]
• COVID-19 vaccines for specific groups of people [updated 06-29-2023]

UK
• COVID-19 vaccination programme [updated 08-08-2023]
• COVID-19 vaccination: vaccine product information [07-18-2023]
• COVID-19: the green book, chapter 14a [04-27-2023]

ECDC
• Interim public health considerations for COVID-19 vaccination roll-out during 2023 [04-05-2023]
• Interim analysis of COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness against severe acute respiratory infection due to laboratory-confirmed SARS-CoV-2 among individuals aged 30 years and older, ECDC multi-country study – third update [modified 03-16-2023]
• Overview of the implementation of COVID-19 vaccination strategies and vaccine deployment plans in the EU/EEA, [updated 03-03-2023]

Australia
• COVID-19 booster vaccine advice [updated 04-05-2023]
• Clinical recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines [updated 03-21-2023]
• ATAGI clinical guidance for COVID-19 vaccine providers [updated 02-17-2023]

Vaccinations - Adverse Effects

Canada (Federal)
• Reporting ocular adverse events following COVID-19 vaccination: Communiqué to healthcare professionals (May 30, 2022) [05-30-2022]

Provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

CDC
• Reported adverse events [updated 07-13-2023]
• Guidance for clinical case management of thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) following vaccination to prevent coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [03-31-2023]

UK
• Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccines adverse reactions [updated 03-08-2023]
• Myocarditis and pericarditis after COVID-19 vaccination [updated 01-09-2023]

Australia
• ATAGI clinical guidance on COVID-19 vaccine administration errors [updated 06-05-2023]
• COVID-19 vaccination – guidance on myocarditis and pericarditis after mRNA COVID-19 vaccines [11-09-2022]

Background Information/Case Definitions
Ontario Ministry of Health
• Ontario case definition - coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [updated 05-00-2023]

PHAC
• National case definition: coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [updated 06-06-2023]

CDC
• Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) 2023 case definition [reviewed 02-28-2023]

WHO
• WHO COVID-19 Case definition [updated 07-22-2022]
• A clinical case definition of post COVID-19 condition by a Delphi consensus, 6 October 2021 [10-06-2021]

ECDC
• Reinfection with SARS-CoV-2: implementation of a surveillance case definition within the EU/EEA [04-08-2021]

UK
• COVID-19: epidemiology, virology and clinical features [05-17-2022]

Australia
• COVID-19 disease, symptoms and variants [updated 12-09-2022]

Other
• BMJ best practice COVID-19 [updated regularly]

Laboratories
Ontario Ministry of Health
• Management of cases and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario (version 15.2) [06-09-2023]

PHAC
• Requirements for serological antibody tests submitted under the COVID-19 interim order: guidance [modified 02-22-2023]
CDC

Miscellaneous Guidelines
PHAC
- COVID-19 and people with disabilities in Canada [updated 01-30-2023]
- Individual public health measures [updated 01-27-2023]
- Summary of evidence supporting COVID-19 public health measures [updated 01-27-2023]

CDC
- CDC Archive: Archived web material for CDC.gov is preserved on the CDC Archive Site. Note that the content on this site is for historical purposes only and is no longer being updated. The information here may be outdated and links may no longer function.

WHO
- Considerations in adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19: interim guidance [updated 03-30-2023]

Data & Surveillance
Canada
- COVID-19 data trends [modified 03-06-2023]
- National surveillance guidelines for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) [03-19-2021]

WHO

ECDC
- Methods for the detection and characterisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants – second update [08-02-2022]

Variants – Omicron
Canada
- SARS-CoV-2 variants: national definitions, classifications and public health actions [08-18-2022]

CDC
- What is genomic surveillance? [updated 12-02-2022]

UK
- Investigation of SARS-CoV-2 variants [updated 03-10-2023]
- SARS-CoV-2 variants of public health interest [updated 03-10-2023]

ECDC
- Methods for the detection and characterisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants – second update [08-02-2022]
Testing

Canada
- Interim guidance on the use of rapid antigen detection tests for the identification of SARS-CoV-2 infection [07-07-2022]

Ontario Ministry of Health
- Management of cases and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario Version 15.2 [03-27-2023]
- COVID-19 provincial testing guidance. Version 15.3 [01-25-2023]

Canadian provinces and territories (other than Ontario)

WHO
- Use of SARS-CoV-2 antigen-detection rapid diagnostic tests for COVID-19 self-testing [03-09-2022]

CDC
- Guidance for healthcare workers about COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) testing [updated 12-20-2022]
- Using antibody tests for COVID-19 [updated 12-16-2022]

UK
- Investigation of SARS-CoV-2 variants: technical briefings [updated 02-10-2023]
- SARS-CoV-2 variants of public health interest [updated 02-10-2023]

ECDC
- Methods for the detection and identification of SARS-CoV-2 variants- first update [08-02-2022]

Symptoms/Treatment

Canada

Ontario Ministry of Health
- Management of cases and and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario version 15.2 [updated 03-27-2023]

BC
- Clinical practice guide for the use of therapeutics in mild-moderate COVID-19 [updated 01-10-2023]

WHO
- WHO living guideline: drugs to prevent COVID-19 [updated 03-24-2023]

CDC
- Underlying medical conditions associated with higher risk for severe COVID-19: information for healthcare providers [updated 02-09-2023]
- Clinical care information for COVID-19 [updated 01-30-2023]
- Clinical considerations for care of children and adults with confirmed COVID-19 [updated 01-27-2023]
COVID-19 Diagnosis in Children

Canada

WHO
- A clinical case definition for post COVID-19 condition in children and adolescents by expert consensus [02-16-2023]

CDC
- Information for Pediatric Healthcare Providers [02-10-2023]

Other
- American Academcy of Pediatrics What is the case definition of multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) interim guidance [02-08-2023]

Post-COVID-19 Condition

Canada
- Post COVID-19 condition (long COVID) [modified 03-09-2023]

Ontario
- Ontario Health Post COVID-19 condition: guidance for primary care [12-00-2022]

WHO
- Post COVID-19 condition [12-16-2021]

CDC
- Post-COVID conditions; CDC Science [updated 03-31-2023]

UK
- Long-term effects of coronavirus (long COVID) [reviewed 03-21-2023]
Infection Prevention and Control

**PHAC / Health Canada**
- At home: using ventilation and filtration to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of COVID-19 [01-27-2023]
- Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): prevention and risks [01-27-2023]
- COVID-19 mask use: advice for community settings [01-30-2023]

**Ontario**
- COVID-19 guidance: personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers and health care entities version 1.0 [06-10-2022]

**WHO**

**ECDC**
- Considerations for infection prevention and control practices in relation to respiratory viral infections in healthcare settings [02-06-2023]

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**Ontario Ministry of Health**
- Management of cases and and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario version 15.2 [03-27-2023]
- COVID-19 guidance: acute care v.9 [01-11-2023]
- COVID-19 guidance: personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers and health care entities version 1.0 [06-10-2022]

**UK**
- COVID-19: managing healthcare staff with symptoms of a respiratory infection [03-31-2023]

**ECDC**
- Considerations for infection prevention and control practices in relation to respiratory viral infections in healthcare settings [02-06-2023]
- Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19: when to consider wearing a face covering or a face mask [06-16-2022]
Congregate Living (including Long-Term Care, Prisons, and Shelters)

Ontario Ministry of Health
- COVID-19 guidance document for long-term care homes in Ontario [04-03-2023]
- COVID-19 guidance: long-term care homes and retirement homes for public health units Version 10 [03-31-2023]

PHAC

CDC
- Guidance on management of COVID-19 in homeless service sites and in correctional and detention facilities [11-29-2022]

UK
- Acute respiratory illness, including flu and COVID-19 in prisons [04-06-2023]
- Infection prevention and control in adult social care: COVID-19 supplement [04-06-2023]
- COVID-19: outbreaks in prisons, refuges and other higher-risk accommodation settings [04-04-2023]

Other
- CSC Testing of inmates in federal correctional institutions for COVID-19 [04-12-2023]

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Travel, Transport & Borders

Ontario Ministry of Health
- Travelling during COVID-19 [01-27-2023]

Canada
- Travel advice and advisories by destination [updated often]
- COVID-19: travel, testing and borders [04-03-2023]

CDC
- COVID-19 travel recommendations by destination [updated regularly]
- Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines including Boosters [04-06-2023]

UK
- COVID-19: guidance for people whose immune system means they are at higher risk [03-14-2023]

Schools / Childcare

Ontario Ministry of Health
- Management of cases and contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario version 15.2 [03-27-2023]
- COVID-19: health and safety measures for child care [08-17-2022]
PHAC
- **Evaluating COVID-19 disease transmission and public health measures in schools: outbreak investigation guidance** [07-22-2022]

CDC
- **Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning** [10-05-2022]
- **Schools, child care, and colleges** [10-25-2022]

UK
- **Emergency planning and response for education, childcare, and children's social care settings** [10-28-2022]

**Mental Health/Substance Use Health**

Ontario Ministry of Health
- **COVID-19 guidance: mental health and addictions service providers in community settings: version 2** [09-24-2020]

PHAC
- **Helping people who use substances** [10-01-2022]

Provinces & Territories (excluding Ontario)
- **QC The roles of public health in population mental health and wellness promotion** [10-03-2022]
- **BC COVID-19: harm reduction and overdose response** [01-07-2022]
- **QC Housing and social inequalities in health in times of COVID-19: strategies for promoting affordable quality housing** [04-05-2022]
- **QC Preventing violence and suicide within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic: courses of action** [04-05-2022]
- **QC Preventing loneliness in young adults in the context of a pandemic** [04-05-2022]
- **BC Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and wellbeing of young adults in British Columbia** [07-00-2021]
- **QC Public health ethics and COVID-19: selected resources** [11-00-2021]

WHO
- **Mental health and COVID-19: early evidence of the pandemic’s impact: scientific brief, 2 March 2022** [03-02-2022]

**Community/Workplaces**

Ontario Ministry of Health
- **Protection from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses** [04-12-2023]
- **COVID-19 and workplace health and safety** [03-09-2023]
- **COVID-19 and your employment standards protections** [06-26-2022]
- **Outbreak guidance: workplace and living settings for seasonal international agriculture workers (IAWs)** [09-08-2022]
PHAC
- Summary of evidence supporting COVID-19 public health measures [01-27-2023]
- Community based public health measures [01-27-2023]
- How businesses and employees can stay safe while operating during COVID-19 [01-27-2023]
- Accessing public health support for First Nations communities [08-05-2022]
- COVID-19 and people with disabilities in Canada [01-30-2023]
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