



Canadian spotlight 8.1: Key additions from the first half of August 2021

In the first half of August, contributing Canadian evidence-synthesis teams have shared with us seven newly completed evidence syntheses which are listed in the table below. One of these syntheses provides insight across two domains of the COVID-END taxonomy (public-health measures and health-system arrangements) and the remaining focus on public-health measures (n=4), and clinical management (n=2).

Taxonomy section	Title	Type of product	Date of last search (and publication)	Evidence synthesis team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures Health-system arrangements 	What are the implications of SARS-CoV-2 variants for public-health measures and health-system arrangements?	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-07-29 (published 2021-07-30)	School of Nursing, Dalhousie University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	How can behavioural-science thinking help to support messaging to and broader supports for citizens, particularly those drawn from equity-seeking groups, to encourage them to be vaccinated	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-07-31 (published 2021-07-31)	Ottawa Hospital Research Institute
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	Living rapid review update 17: What is the specific role of daycares and schools in COVID-19 transmission?	Update to a living rapid review	2021-07-22 (published 2021-08-12)	National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools (NCCMT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	Living summary of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: The Delta variant (B.1.617.2) profile (For those interested in accessing the full copy of the rapid review, please contact phac.ocsoevidence-bcsdonneesprobantes.aspc@canada.ca)	Update to an evidence review	Not stated (published 2021-07-29)	Emerging Science Group, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	Living summary of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: The Gamma variant (P.1) profile (For those interested in accessing the full copy of the rapid review, please contact phac.ocsoevidence-bcsdonneesprobantes.aspc@canada.ca)	Living evidence review	Not stated (published 2021-07-01)	Emerging Science Group, PHAC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical management 	What is the efficacy and effectiveness of available COVID-19 vaccines for variants of concern?	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-08-11 (published 2021-08-11)	Health Information Research Unit, McMaster University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical management 	Breath tests for the detection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus <u>2</u>	Horizon scan	Not stated (published 2021-08-06)	Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)