



Canadian spotlight 8.2: Key additions from the second half of August 2021

In the second half of August, contributing Canadian evidence-synthesis teams have shared with us 13 newly completed evidence syntheses which are listed in the table below. Two of these syntheses provide insights across all domains of the COVID-END taxonomy (public-health measures, clinical management, health-system arrangements, and economic and social response) and the remaining focus on public-health measures (n=8), and clinical management (n=3).

Taxonomy section	Title	Type of product	Date of last search (and publication)	Evidence synthesis team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures Clinical management Health-system arrangements Economic and social response 	COVID-19 living evidence profile #4 (version 4): What went well and what could have gone better in the COVID-19 response in Canada, as well as what will need to go well in the future given any available foresight work being conducted?	Update to a living evidence profile	2021-08-09 (published 2021-08-13)	McMaster Health Forum COVID-END Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures Clinical management Health-system arrangements Economic and social response 	COVID-19 living evidence profile #5 (version 3): What went well and what could have gone better in the COVID-19 response in other countries, as well as what will need to go well in the future given any available foresight work being conducted?	Update to a living evidence profile	2021-08-09 (published 2021-08-13)	McMaster Health Forum COVID-END Secretariat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	What is the epidemiology of variants and what are the implications for healthcare?	Update to an evidence synthesis	2021-08-12 (published 2021-08-13)	Saskatchewan Health Authority and University of Saskatchewan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	What are the causes of vaccine hesitancy? What programs/approaches have been successful in reducing vaccine hesitancy?	Update to an evidence synthesis	2021-08-10 (published 2021-08-17)	Saskatchewan Health Authority and University of Saskatchewan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public-health measures 	Considerations for Ontario fall and winter 2021	Evidence synthesis	2021-07-23 (published 2021-07-23)	Public Health Ontario

• Public-health measures	COVID-19 Gamma variant: Risk analysis and implications for practice	Evidence synthesis	2021-06-22 (published 2021-07-22)	Public Health Ontario
• Public-health measures	COVID-19 immunity status and community public health measures (update as of July 19, 2021)	Environmental scan	2021-07-19 (published 2021-07-23)	Public Health Ontario
• Public-health measures	Mask wearing in children and COVID-19 – What we know so far	Evidence synthesis	2021-07-12 (published 2021-07-23)	Public Health Ontario
• Public-health measures	Living summary of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: The B.1.1.7 (Alpha) variant 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, Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC)
• Public-health measures	Living summary of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern: The Beta variant (B.1.351) variant (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
• Clinical management	What is the efficacy and effectiveness of available COVID-19 vaccines for variants of concern?	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-08-25 (published 2021-08-25)	Health Information Research Unit, McMaster University
• Clinical management	SARS-CoV-2 infections after vaccination – What we know so far	Evidence synthesis	2021-06-05 (published 2021-07-05)	Public Health Ontario
• Clinical management	COVID-19 – Strategies adaptable from healthcare to public health settings to support the mental health and resilience of the workforce during the COVID-19 pandemic recovery (To be published; for those interested in accessing the full copy of the evidence synthesis, please contact Jennifer Robertson jennifer.robertson@oahpp.ca)	Evidence synthesis	To be published 2021-08-31	Public Health Ontario