

Canadian spotlight 10.1: Key additions from the first half of October 2021

In the first half of October, contributing Canadian evidence-synthesis teams have shared with us nine newly completed evidence syntheses which are listed in the table below. From the COVID-END taxonomy, the syntheses focus on public-health measures (n=6), clinical management (n=2) and health-system arrangements (n=1).

Taxonomy section	Title	Type of product	Date of last search (and publication)	Evidence synthesis team
Public-health measures	What is the efficacy and effectiveness of available COVID-19 vaccines for variants of concern?	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-10-06 (published 2021-10-06)	Health Information Research Unit, McMaster University
Public-health measures	What is the best-available evidence about the effects of public-health measures in schools (K-12), as well as about supporting adherence to these measures?	Response based on existing resources	2021-09-28 (2021-10-06)	McMaster Health Forum COVID- END Secretariat
Public-health measures	Change in the level of vaccine protection over time in COVID-19 vaccinated individuals: A rapid review	Rapid review	2021-09-10 (published 2021-10-08)	Montreal Behavioural Medicine Centre, Concordia University
Public-health measures	Public health implications of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-09-10 (published 2021-09-17)	School of Nursing, Dalhousie University
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? Report focused on Black communities	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-08-31 (2021-09-01)	Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

	Report focused on homeless and precariously housed populations			
Public-health measures	Transmissibility of COVID-19 among vaccinated individuals	Update to a living evidence synthesis	2021-08-23 (published 2021-09-24)	University of Calgary
Clinical management	Ivermectin in treatment and prevention of COVID-19	Update to a rapid review	2021-10-05 (published 2021-10-08)	Alberta Health Services
Clinical management	COVID-19 C.1.2 lineage: Risk analysis and implications for practice	Evidence brief	2021-09-01 (published 2021-09-21)	Public Health Ontario
Health-system arrangements	What screening methods, interventions, and system-level approaches can be used to address burnout in direct patient care providers due to COVID-19?	Rapid review	2021-08-27 (2021-09-30)	Queen's Collaboration for Healthcare Quality