

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review today's agenda Review action item from last meeting - see attachment 2 – confirmed that all are carried forward or addressed 		1 min
STANDING ITEMS	Topic	
A) Activity streams		
0. New or updated syntheses		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intake and prioritization (includes intake for living docs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of requests and completed products (including plain language summaries) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> John walked participants through the products in progress (and the teams supporting the work), completed products and expected updates for living evidence profiles and syntheses. Maureen D. advised that NCCMT has started a new rapid review on parental vaccine confidence and uptake. The team will be looking at qualitative studies and will be reaching out to select other teams who are looking at quantitative studies on this topic, to see if there is a way to connect the reviews. Rob suggested a possible request about healthcare workers burnout and labor-market issues. Several participants pointed to work underway in AB and by NCCMT on the topic. ACTION: Jeremy and Maureen to connect re: qualitative studies that may complement the living behavioural science syntheses (in progress) ACTION: Mike to send Simon Bacon the vaccine-roll-out LEP that may contain some COVID-specific evidence about incentives (in progress) ACTION: Secretariat to consider the possible need for a synthesis about incentives to support vaccine uptake (in progress) ACTION: Secretariat to send out the hyperlinks for horizon-scanning documents in the meeting notes done - see at the bottom of this document Separate service contract is being leveraged to co-sponsor many evidence synthesis products and updates Mapping of living evidence syntheses frequency is carefully planned to respond to needs while allowing best use of resources and funds 	5 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid evidence profiles (REPs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rapid evidence syntheses (RSs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain language summaries (includes summaries for living documents below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedures developed for updates to plain language summaries to match updates to living evidence syntheses Four summaries posted in English and French, others in development 	1 min
1. Living evidence syntheses		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living evidence profiles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living evidence syntheses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living behavioural sciences documents (see link above) Healthcare workers and citizens 	1 min
2. Inventory of 'best evidence syntheses'		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7,999 syntheses from high-quality/high-yield sources → 6,257 non-duplicate syntheses → 4,321 decision-relevant syntheses → 431 'best' evidence syntheses (updated 26 May) Additional fields for equity considerations being planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vivian Welch and Anna Dion (from the COVID-END Equity task group) will be working with the inventory team 	1 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Searchable database 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected soon 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventory spotlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian (see below) and global inventory spotlights 	
3. Evidence-demand coordination		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Public Health Network (SAC and TAC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content from our spotlights is being included in the weekly evidence summary being distributed to all SAC and TAC members, as well as Government of Canada staff 	1 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other PHAC (Chief Science Officer, others) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular communications 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other federal government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretariat continues to reach out to government contacts with three calls to action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) sign-up for the twice-a-month email updates (for spotlights and horizon scanning news) – although this is now included in the weekly evidence update sent across the Government of Canada and to their provincial public-health counterparts (as noted below) 2) submit a request using the online form (for questions from high-level decision makers) 3) encourage your team and other colleagues who are providing ‘front-line’ decision support within government to use the COVID-END inventory when they’re looking for the best global evidence and reminders to use the COVID-END website for additional resources (also if we can search our domestic inventory) 	2 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial and territorial governments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webinars (and presentations) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awareness raising webinar among Government of Canada staff and CIHR: Finding Best Evidence’ About COVID-19 - completed 19 May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Andrea Tricco, Maureen Smith, Francois-Pierre Gauvin, Maureen Dobbins, Sarah Neil-Sztramko, and Nancy Santesso are giving a workshop with Government of Canada to provide a deeper dive training for those that are doing evidence syntheses 	1 min
4. Horizon scanning		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustments to existing process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon scans are published once a month and include a briefing note about emerging issues, and a panel summary about priority issues for Canada. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ We have been running the global horizon scanning for a year, and the Canadian panel has now been active for two months. We continue to have one briefing note, but now two summaries (global and Canada) emerging from the panel meetings. ◦ We now have the COVID-END global prioritizing working group helping to determine questions where evidence syntheses are urgently needed, and helping to identifying teams globally to work on responses 	1 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian panel membership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmed 28 Canadian horizon scanning panel members (many of whom are observing the global horizon scanning panel meeting as well) • Two meetings completed (April and May) • FYI - list of panel members - see attachment 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Vivian suggested to include community development and/or social sector members that are involved in the public health response and suggested the Canadian Red Cross. Paul offered to help make the connection. ◦ ACTION: Secretariat to consider reaching out to the Canadian Red Cross for interest in participating in the panel (<i>in progress</i>) 	1 min
5. Evidence-supply coordination		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence-synthesis teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly meetings of the evidence-synthesis teams: one completed 29 March, next quarterly meeting is booked for 22 June which will focus on how we can strengthen intelligence sharing. • A survey was conducted about the teams’ content expertise and working with citizen partners. • Teams who are taking on living evidence syntheses are matched with citizen partners • A webpage ‘Resources for researchers’ has been further enhanced • Teams are reminded to share with the secretariat relevant work that they took on, and work completed for other projects, and to ask us to search the global inventory (until it is fully searchable online) and searchable Excel database of Canadian documents 	3 min
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian synthesis spotlights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian spotlights can be accessed here 	1 min

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dissemination vehicles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reminder to subscribe (and encourage others to do the same) to the Canadian COVID-19 email update, which provides three types of products from COVID-END in Canada: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Canadian spotlights, global spotlights, and horizon scans Distribution also through partner newsletters, websites, social media Outputs are also captured in the email going out across the public service federally 	1 min
B) Cross-cutting		
1. Citizen partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment and orientation of Canadian citizen partners completed. Citizen partners are being matched with research teams, and resources about how to work with citizen partners have been made available on the website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 24 patients/citizens completed a 10-hour training program on rapid reviews and patient/citizen engagement in reviews. They are enthusiastic about working with research teams either through SPOR EA studies or COVID-END. COVID-END in Canada has matched 9 citizens so far. A template to be used by evidence teams to request citizen engagement is available. Maureen Dobbins is interested in a discussion with other evidence teams about how to use input from citizens who collaborate on rapid reviews (e.g., her team worked with two citizens on a food insecurity rapid review and ended up including in the key messages one point from citizens about what they felt was missing in research). A sub-group might be interested in connecting about this, or we can discuss at the evidence-synthesis teams meeting on 22 June. ACTION: Secretariat to add citizen presentation to the 22 June meeting <i>done</i> ACTION: Secretariat to circulate the request template with the meeting notes <i>done – circulated with notes</i> A citizen partners training mini-course organized by SPOR-EA was extended to the members of the citizen partnership group 	
2. Indigenous peoples engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plans underway to connect with five teams who received CIHR funding for knowledge syntheses; also, connection with contact from CoVaRR (see below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margo Greenwood is the focal point for Indigenous peoples engagement within COVID-END. She has been supporting the successful vaccine uptake in Indigenous communities in BC and will now connect with Jeremy about how the insights from this work can inform the behavioural science syntheses that his team is running. John and Margo will be reaching out to the five CIHR-funded teams who have taken on questions related to Indigenous Peoples and COVID-19, to discuss collaboration with COVID-END in Canada and offer our resources to support their work. 	
3. Website and communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website overhaul completed - see Resources for Canadians (as well as global sections of website) 	5 min
4. Measuring impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
OTHER BUSINESS / ARISING ISSUES		
1. CIHR- and NSERC-funded networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIHR-funded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus Variants Rapid Response Network (CoVaRR) - Marc-André Langlois, PI; Jeremy Grimshaw Co-PI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremy noted the network includes three pillars that intersect with COVID-END: applied science; Indigenous engagement; and knowledge mobilization. It has a strong basic-science focus (about two thirds of the work) to identify and characterize variants of concern. Canadian Network of COVID-19 Clinical Trials Networks - Robert Fowler, PI Indigenous Peoples and COVID-19 Knowledge Syntheses NSERC-funded modelling networks. Contacting the following 2 of 5 that seem particularly germane to the work that we are doing: 	5 min

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>CANMOD</u>: Canadian Network for Modelling Infectious Disease - Caroline Colijn (Simon Fraser), David Earn (McMaster), co-leads – calls booked ○ <u>One Society Network</u>: mathematical modelling of multi-sectoral impact of pandemics and control policies - Christopher McCabe (U Alberta), PI - calls booked • Secretariat is in the process of establishing connections with PIs of the network, and planning meetings to discuss collaboration and amplify the connections • Secretariat plans to extend an invitation to leads of the networks to present at future COVID-END meetings 	
2. Brief updates about other relevant initiatives underway in Canada	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Wellness Hub is a good resource for congregate-living centres: https://www.wellness-hub.ca/ ○ Maureen D: interest in food insecurity ○ John suggested two ideas for upping our game in the use of research evidence: 1) publish empirically derived lessons learned about the COVID-19 response (so we can capture them in the June, July and August living-evidence profiles about lessons learned); and 2) watch for forthcoming work from the recently initiated Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges (http://evidencecommission.org/). ○ Suggestions for consideration for the lessons learned topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ from Ahmed: what were the implications of strategies at regional and pan-Canadian level related to school closing ○ from Simon and Andrew: lack of supporting evidence about mental health and COVID-19 	
3. Next meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evidence-synthesis teams: 22 June ○ Steering Committee: 13 July ○ Collaborators: 29 July 	

Hyperlinks requested:

- Link to the Canadian resources - <https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end/resources-specific-to-canada/for-decision-makers/scan-evidence-products>
- Canadian spotlight sign up <https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end/resources-specific-to-canada/keep-current/canadian-spotlights>
- Global spotlight sign up <https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end/resources-specific-to-canada/keep-current/global-spotlights>
- Horizon scanning reports <https://www.mcmasterforum.org/networks/covid-end/resources-specific-to-canada/keep-current/horizon-scans>