Creating a Community of Practice of Public Health Researchers During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Networking Session #2

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Today’s Agenda

1. Introductions (depending on group size and if time permits)
2. Review from last week
3. Update since last week
4. Next steps
Review from last week
Definitions

A Community of Practice (CoP) is defined as “a group of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their knowledge and expertise by interacting on an ongoing basis.”

Three distinct elements of a CoP:

1. a *community* that enables interaction (such as discussions, collaborative activities, and relationship building);

2. a shared *domain* of interest (COVID-19);

3. a shared *practice* of experiences, stories, tools, and ways of addressing recurring problems.

This approach enables public health professionals to *grow* and mature while *focusing on efforts* to *share knowledge* and *solve problems*. 

Centre for Disease Control, USA
Last week- Brainstorming Session

Information sharing and communication
Group Mentorship
Networking
OIPH Blog function
Develop infrastructure for future public health emergencies
Help with navigating systems
Since last week...
Update:

Attended the UC COVID Response Group meeting – led by Dr. Marcello Tonelli

CanCOVID direction

UC-COVID Website to be launched soon

Slack platform: https://ucalgary-covid-collab.slack.com/signup

Self-organization

Call to get involved
CAN-COVID
National response group

Can-COVID – Direction from group of leading Universities

https://cancovid.ca/
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About CanCOVID

CanCOVID is an expert community of Canadian COVID-19 researchers, clinical collaborators, and healthcare stakeholders from across the country. Canada’s Chief Science Officer mandated the creation of CanCOVID to optimize Canada’s research response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.

The CanCOVID platform is designed to promote:

**Collaboration**
Problem-solving, troubleshooting,

**Coordination**
Among researchers nationally and

**Communication**
Between scientists, clinical
The Webpage

“A reference point for UCalgary folks who might feel the need to reach out to organizations where they may not have an existing relationship, to avoid duplication”
COVID-19 Research Collaboration
Resources for Researchers and Research Staff to connect

This page is for: faculty, postdocs, students, and staff engaged in COVID-19 research and related activities

To enable collaboration, streamline connections and reduce duplication of efforts, several resources are

To be launched soon!!!!
Slack
What is Slack? Sign up at: https://ucalgary-covid-collab.slack.com/signup
CanCOVID channels

Current theme channels
(#theme-topic)

1) Diagnostics
2) Clinical trials
3) Fundamental Science
4) Vaccines & Therapeutics
5) Indigenous research
6) Social and behavioural sciences
7) Healthcare
8) Modelling
9) Cohort Studies
10) Universities
Requested action from UC-COVID-19 Response Group

Get involved!

Join channels
Recruit people to join channels

Volunteer to moderate channels

Consider aligning UC channels in part with CanCOVID channels
Function of Slack Moderators

Liaise to other communities within U of C and get connected nationally
Post questions to the theme
Monitor activity within the theme
Approve Team Leaders to create new, private channels for sub-groups within the theme
Align UC Slack with CanCOVID

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Other updates

Ray Turner CSM Associate Dean Research and team continues to relay COVID-related grants information to CSM stakeholders

https://obrieniph.ucalgary.ca/obrien-covid-response

Child health during the COVID-19 crisis, and how ACHRI could help champion

Dr. Katrina Milaney is involved in several research projects re: homelessness and other vulnerable populations

Street CCRED (Community Capacity in: Research, Education, and Development) is a community-based response to the suffering of Calgary's most vulnerable citizens
Discussion
Next Steps
Thank you!

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