

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.”

Wenger, Etienne, McDermott, Richard, Snyder, William M. Cultivating Communities of Practice. Harvard Business School Press. Boston, MA. 2002.

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.**

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

UC-COVID

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”



Search the Research at UCalgary



RESEARCH AT UCALGARY

Research



Innovation

Engage with Research

Conduct Research

Postdocs



Students

Contact

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!!!!

On this page:

- Join the Slack Workspace
- Key stakeholder contacts

Slack

What is Slack? Sign up at: <https://ucalgary-covid-collab.slack.com/signup>

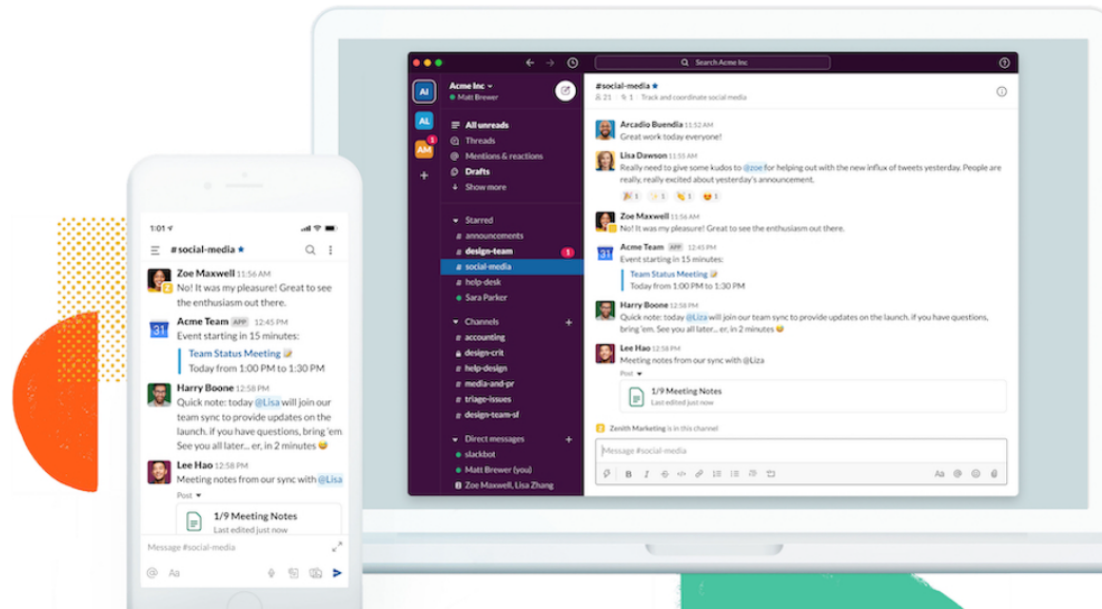


Launch Slack

Slack is where work happens

Slack is a collaboration hub, where the right people and the right information come together, helping everyone get work done.

GET STARTED

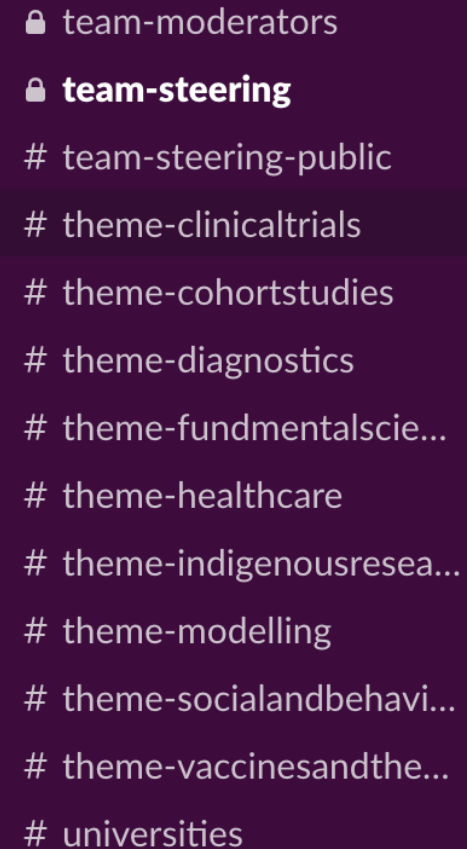


CanCOVID channels

Current theme channels

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- 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



A screenshot of a mobile application interface showing a list of channels. The list is displayed on a dark purple background with a vertical scrollbar on the right. The channels are listed as follows:

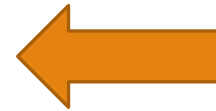
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- # universities

Requested action from UC-COVID-19 Response Group

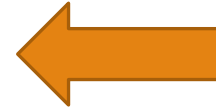
Get involved!

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

▼ Channels +

- # **ai-for-screening**
- # comms-support
- # **face-shields**
- # **funding**
- # **general**
- # **in-vitro-diagnostics**
- # **invite-others**
- # meeting_zoom_links
- # **nasal-swabs** ⬅
- # pcr-reagents
- # **random**
- # **remote-vitals-monitor...**
- # **requests-from-ahs**
- # **stethoscopes**

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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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