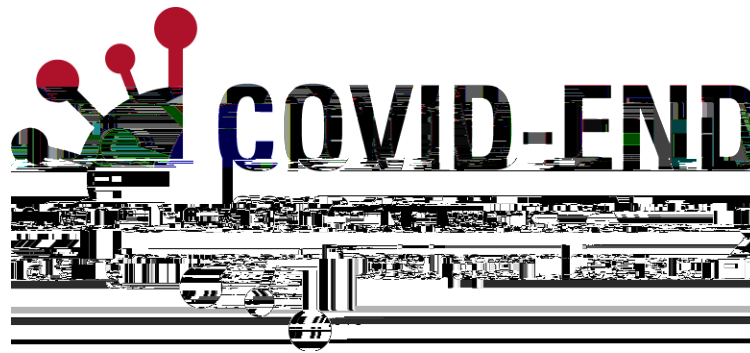




COVID-END: Achievements, Priorities and Opportunities to Draw on this Work to Achieve Greater Value for Money When Commissioning or Funding COVID-19 Research

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Achievements (<https://www.covid-end.org>)

- 1) Regularly updated **guide** to key COVID-19 evidences sources, which can be used to quickly review high-yield, high-quality sources of evidence to respond to decision-makers' urgent questions
- 2) Repository of **COVID-19 knowledge hubs**, which can be used to identify organizations that are already supporting decision-making with a specific topic or sectoral focus, with a specific type of resource (e.g., recommendations, evidence syntheses or data), and/or with a specific geographic or linguistic scope
- 3) **Taxonomy of decisions** where evidence will be needed, which spans public-health measures, clinical management of COVID-19 and pandemic-related health issues, health-system arrangements, and economic & social responses
- 4) Principles and resources to support **evidence packaging** for decision-makers
- 5) Description of an **evidence-support model** that can provide responses to decision-makers questions – both what's known and who's doing what – in timelines as short as three hours
- 6) **Tips and tools** for those supporting decision-makers
- 7) **Resources to support researchers** considering or conducting an evidence synthesis (with an interactive flow diagram)



Seven Working Groups Focused on Quick Wins and Processes for Longer-Term Solutions

- 1) Scoping where support and coordination is most needed and what principles



Priorities: 1) COVID-END Community Listserv

Reached out to 20+ networks to identify **individuals with the following attributes** to invite them to join the listserv (and community of practice)

- Creating and/or using evidence syntheses, technology assessments, and/or guidelines as the focus of their support to decision-making about COVID-19

- Engaging with decision-making about COVID-19 by citizens/service users, providers, and/or health- and social-system policymakers

- Keen to learn from others about how to support decision-making about COVID-19 and willing to explore challenges and/or share experiences through online discussions

- Share the values of the COVID-END partnership

Created a preliminary list of **discussion topics and facilitators**

Developed an approach to summarizing and sharing the **insights** from both organized topic discussions and ad hoc interactions

[Join](#) the COVID-END Community listserv



Priorities: 2) Inventory (and Sharing)

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Priorities: 3) Horizon Scanning

Global horizon-scanning panel, comprised of diverse strategic and ‘out-of-the-box’ thinkers and doers, to proactively identify both **long-term and emergent issues** that need to be prioritized in efforts to synthesize the best available research evidence to support decision-making about COVID-19

Diverse in their coverage across the parts of the taxonomy and the hehu



Drawing on This Work When Commissioning or Funding Evidence Syntheses

Point 'new entrants' to

Resources to support researchers (interactive flow diagram) to ensure they're being as systematic and transparent as possible

- E.g., register their protocol with PROPERO
- E.g., work with established like Cochrane and Campbell

Point everyone to

Inventory of 'best evidence syntheses' to ensure they're filling a gap

Horizon-scanning reports to ensure they're addressing a need

Intermediary groups who can help with points on the next slide

Be explicit about the rare instances when commissioning or funding replications of existing syntheses



Drawing on This Work When Commissioning or Funding Evidence-Contextualization Initiatives

Point 'new entrants' to

Tips and tools for those supporting decision-makers

Principles and resources to support **evidence packaging** for decision-makers

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Drawing on This Work When Commissioning



Keep Up To Date and/or Share Your Insights

- 1) Website – <https://www.covid-end.org>
- 2) Email – c/o covid-end@mcmaster.ca
- 3) Twitter – @covid_e_n_d
- 4) COVID-END Community listserv – <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?SUBED1=COVIDEND&A=1>