



# BC COVID-19 Research and Collaboration Symposium: Public Health, Populations, Health Services, and Impacts

September 1st-2nd, 2020



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## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Day 1: Tuesday, September 1

Time	Section, Chairs and Rapporteurs	Speakers and Discussion Questions
08:45	<b>Territorial Welcome</b>	<b>Elder Margaret George</b>
08:50	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer</b> <b>Peter Berman, UBC SPPH: Goals and outline of the Symposium</b>
09:00	<b>SESSION 1: Setting the Scene: Strategic Priorities and Frameworks</b>  <b>Chair: Bev Holmes, MSFHR</b>	Setting the Stage: Public health response to COVID-19 in British Columbia [ <b>David Patrick, BCCDC</b> ] <i>Views on Strategic Priorities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Ministry of Health – Research Priorities and Alignment [<b>Victoria Schuckel, BC Ministry of Health</b>]</li> <li>• Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research – Overall Response related to COVID-19 and Research Priorities [<b>Chonnetia Jones, MSFHR</b>]</li> <li>• BC COVID-19 Strategic Research Advisory Committee (SRAC) - Input into the BC Strategic COVID-19 Research Framework [<b>Kelly Barnard, SRAC</b>]</li> <li>• Knowledge Translation [<b>Lupin Battersby, SFU</b>]</li> </ul> Q&A
10:20	<b>SESSION 2: Development and implementation of public health measures</b>  <b>Chair: David Patrick, BCCDC</b>	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Epidemiology and Modeling [<b>Caroline Colijn, SFU</b>]</li> <li>• Implementing Public Health Measures, including Vaccination [<b>Alice Virani, PHSA</b>]</li> <li>• Communicating Public Health Measures [<b>Cindy Jardine, Univ Fraser Valley</b>]</li> <li>• Organization, Politics and Governance of Response [<b>Max Cameron, UBC</b>]</li> </ul>
11:10	<b>Session 2 Breakout rooms</b>  <b>Room 2.1:</b> Epidemiology and Modeling  <b>Room 2.2:</b> Implementing Public Health Measures, Including Vaccination & Communicating about Public Health Measures  <b>Room 2.3:</b> Organization, Politics and Governance	<b>Brief chair welcome</b> <b>Rapid-fire presentations</b> <b>Discussion</b> <b>Rapporteur closure</b> <b>Speakers will present their research and reflect on 5 discussion points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the aims of your current/proposed research?</li> <li>- What populations/data will you access/work with?</li> <li>- What methods will you employ?</li> <li>- What challenges do you anticipate to your research over the next 12 months?</li> <li>- How might collaboration/partnerships overcome the challenges?</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

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13:00	<p><b>SESSION 3: Population health impact of public health measures</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Danielle Lavallee, BC ASHN and BC SUPPORT Unit</p>	<p><b>Welcome by the Chair</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall population impacts [Kate Smolina, BCCDC]</li> <li>• Indigenous Peoples/Communities [Jeff Reading, SFU]</li> <li>• Seniors [Kelli Stajduhar, UVic]</li> <li>• Children and Youth [Ryan Rhodes, UVic]</li> <li>• Rural populations [Kathy Rush, UBC-O]</li> <li>• Specific Patient Populations [Juan Antonio Avina-Zubieta, Arthritis Research]</li> </ul>
14:10	<p><b>Session 3 Breakout Rooms</b></p> <p><b>Room 3.1:</b> Overall Population impacts</p> <p><b>Room 3.2:</b> Indigenous Health &amp; Priority Populations</p> <p><b>Room 3.3:</b> Seniors</p> <p><b>Room 3.4:</b> Children and Youth</p> <p><b>Room 3.5:</b> Specific Patient Populations</p>	<p><b>Brief chair welcome</b></p> <p><b>Rapid-fire presentations</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Rapporteur closure</b></p> <p><b>Speakers will present their research and reflect on 5 discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the aims of your current/proposed research?</li> <li>- What populations/data will you access/work with?</li> <li>- What methods will you employ?</li> <li>- What challenges do you anticipate to your research over the next 12 months?</li> <li>- How might collaboration/partnerships overcome the challenges?</li> </ul>
15:00	<p><b>SESSION 4: Pandemic Impact on Health Services and Workforce</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Lindsay Hedden, SFU and BC ASHN</p>	<p><b>Welcome by the Chair</b></p> <p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Health Services [Alison Hoens and Chris Carlsten, UBC]</li> <li>• Non-COVID-19 Health Services and Delivery [Emilie Joos, Vancouver Coastal Health]</li> <li>• Overdose Prevention [Amanda Slaunwhite, BCCDC and Louise Meilleur, FNHA]</li> <li>• Rural Medicine and Virtual Services [John Pawlovich]</li> <li>• Long-Term Care [Michael Schwandt, Vancouver Coastal Health]</li> <li>• Health Workforce [Bala Nikku, Thompson Rivers Univ]</li> </ul>
16:10	<p><b>Session 4 Breakout Rooms</b></p> <p><b>Room 4.1:</b> COVID-19 Health Services &amp; Rural and Virtual Services &amp; Long-Term Care</p> <p><b>Room 4.2:</b> Non-COVID-19 Health Services and Delivery &amp; Mental Health and Addictions Services</p> <p><b>Room 4.3:</b> Health Workforce</p>	<p><b>Brief chair welcome</b></p> <p><b>Rapid-fire presentations</b></p> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Rapporteur closure</b></p> <p><b>Speakers will present their research and reflect on 5 discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the aims of your current/proposed research?</li> <li>- What populations/data will you access/work with?</li> <li>- What methods will you employ?</li> <li>- What challenges do you anticipate to your research over the next 12 months?</li> <li>- How might collaboration/partnerships overcome the challenges?</li> </ul>
17:00	<b>Close of Day 1</b>	<b>Tania Bubela (FHS SFU) and Peter Berman (UBC SPPH)</b>

## Day 2: Wednesday, September 2

Time	Section, Chairs and Rapporteurs	Speakers and Discussion Questions
09:00	Welcome	Dr. Joy Johnson, President and Vice-Chancellor, SFU Tania Bubela (FHS SFU) and Peter Berman (UBC SPPH): Goals and outline of the Symposium
09:10	<b>SESSION 5: Support Platforms and Methods</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Stirling Bryan, BC AHSN, SPPH UBC & C2E2 VCHRI	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> <i>Views on Support Platforms and Methods:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Academic Health Sciences Network &amp; BC SUPPORT Unit             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expedited, harmonized research ethics [Terri Fleming, Research Ethics BC]</li> <li>○ Patient oriented research and REACH BC [Stefanie Cheah, BC SUPPORT Unit]</li> <li>○ BC COVID-19 research database [Lindsay Hedden, BC AHSN &amp; SFU]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Population Data BC [Kim McGrail, UBC SPPH and UBC Health]</li> <li>• COVID-19 Inclusive Language Guide [Harlan Pruden, BCCDC]</li> </ul> Q&A
10:30	<b>SESSION 6: Other impacts of public health measures/ unintended consequences</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Craig Mitton, UBC SPPH	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC schools/post-secondary institutions – Special Education [Vicki Floyd Knight and Kim Zebehazy, UBC]</li> <li>• Work from home [Kafui Monu, UNBC]</li> <li>• Back to work [Simon Pimstone, UBC]</li> <li>• BC Geographies [Valorie Crooks, SFU]</li> </ul>
11:30	<b>Session 6 Breakout Room</b>  <b>Room 6.1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC Schools and Post-Secondary Institutions</li> <li>• BC Economy/Businesses - Work from Home &amp; Back to Work</li> </ul>	<b>Brief chair welcome</b> <b>Rapid-fire presentations</b> <b>Discussion</b> <b>Rapporteur closure</b> <b>Speakers will present their research and reflect on 5 discussion points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are the aims of your current/proposed research?</li> <li>- What populations/data will you access/work with?</li> <li>- What methods will you employ?</li> <li>- What challenges do you anticipate to your research over the next 12 months?</li> <li>- How might collaboration/partnerships overcome the challenges?</li> </ul>
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13:30	<b>SESSION 7: Global Health</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Peter Berman, UBC SPPH	<b>Welcome by the Chair</b> <b>Presentations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel restrictions and other crossborder measures during pandemics: The role of global governance [Kelley Lee, SFU]</li> <li>• Democratic Health Communications during COVID-19 [Heidi Tworek, UBC]</li> <li>• Pandemic Economies: Bonds, Hedge Funds and Making Money with a Pandemic [Susan Erikson, SFU]</li> <li>• Utilizing Health Systems Data to Respond to COVID-19 in Seven Resource Poor Countries [Michael Law, UBC]</li> <li>• Protecting South African healthcare workers from COVID-19: A comparative contextualized global occupational health analysis [Annalee Yassi &amp; Jerry Spiegel, UBC]</li> <li>• Gender disparities within the response to COVID-19 [Julia Smith, SFU]</li> <li>• Impact of COVID-19 on mental health [Lara Aknin, SFU]</li> <li>• Additional Keynote Speakers TBC</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A and Discussion</b>
15:00	<b>SESSION 8: Synthesis</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Tania Bubela, FHS, SFU	<b>Summary of rapporteur session reports</b> Discussion of next steps and synergies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study Questions, Populations, Data, Methods, Enablers, Challenges &amp; Gaps</li> </ul>
16:00	<b>Thank You and Close</b>	<b>Tania Bubela and Peter Berman</b>