



## **COVID-19 Update for CDHA Members** **January 27, 2022**

### **CDHA is Here to Help**

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Dear member,

The arrival of Omicron in November last year has shifted the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic; it has now become the predominant variant in Canada. We are experiencing limited access to PCR testing and rapid tests and increased demand for N95 masks. Provincial guidelines differ across the country, but most have instituted a return of societal restrictions to protect the health care system. The good news is that Omicron cases appear to be plateauing in some provinces. CDHA continues to monitor the situation closely and is committed to keeping you informed.

### **Paxlovid receives authorization in Canada**

On January 17, 2022, Health Canada's Health Products and Food Branch authorized the use of Paxlovid for the treatment of patients with mild to moderate COVID-19 who are at high risk for progression to severe disease. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Effectiveness of public health measures**

This systematic review and meta-analysis show that a combination of personal protective and social measures that include social distancing, handwashing, and mask-wearing play an important role in the reduction of COVID-19 cases. Read [more](#).

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## **COVID-19 in Canada: Epidemiology and Modelling**

On January 14, 2022, the Public Health Agency of Canada published the 2021 Modelling Report that outlines findings of modelling studies conducted by the PHAC Modelling Group with findings of additional studies from external modelling partners. Data shows that unvaccinated individuals are 19 times more likely to be hospitalized with COVID-19 compared to fully vaccinated individuals. Want to know more? Read the [highlights](#) of the report.

## **COVID-19 Incidence of cases and deaths in vaccinated and unvaccinated adults**

The latest January CDC Report suggests that adults who received a complete series of COVID-19 vaccines with or without a booster dose decrease their risks for SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19-related death from both, the Delta and Omicron variant of concern. Read [more](#).

## **Canadian Recovery Sickness Benefit (CRSB)**

A reminder that if you are unable to work because you contract COVID-19 or must self-isolate due to COVID-19, the [Canadian Recovery Sickness Benefit \(CRSB\)](#) provides financial support for employed and self-employed individuals.

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*Please be well and take care of yourselves in this difficult time.  
Everyone can do their part to slow COVID-19.*

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