

COVID-19 Resource Bulletin

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On May 29, Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Dr. Theresa Tam made a [statement](#) highlighting the need to ensure that efforts to reduce drug-related harms continue during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A selection of resources relevant to patient care, service provision, and harm reduction practices in the context of COVID-19:

[Toolkit: COVID-19 and Substance Use](#)

A toolkit from Health Canada that includes formulary coverage of select medications, FAQ's about access to controlled substances, and an annotated resource list related to COVID-19 and safer supply/substance use disorder treatment.

[Harm Reduction and COVID-19: Guidance Document for Community Service Providers](#)

A guidance document from Alberta Health Services detailing how community services can modify harm reduction practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

[Changes Related to COVID-19 in the Illegal Drug Supply and Access to Services, and Resulting Health Harms \(CCENDU Alert\)](#)

A report from the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction explaining how the pandemic has led to changes in the drug supply and support services, ways in which people who use drugs could be affected, and possible response options.

[COVID-19 Safer Drug Use Harm Reduction Tips](#)

A harm reduction resource from the Opioid Dependence Treatment Centre of Excellence.

[Online Resources of Support for People with Substance Use Disorders](#)

An inventory of web-based support resources compiled by the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine in response to COVID-19.

[COVID-19 Pandemic: National Rapid Guidance](#)

The Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse is rapidly developing 6 national guidance documents relating to COVID-19. Two are available to date:

1. [Supporting people who use substances in shelter settings during the COVID-19 pandemic](#)
2. [Telemedicine support for addiction services](#)

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

The American Society of Addiction Medicine convened a Caring for Patients During the COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force. Their website includes comprehensive resources tailored to the provision of addiction medicine during the pandemic (such as [Adjusting Drug Testing Protocols](#) and [Treating Pregnant People with Addiction During the COVID Crisis](#)) as well as free access to recorded and ongoing webinars, including [Supporting People with Addiction During COVID-19: A Webinar Series](#)

[COVID-19 and the Provision of Opioid Agonist Maintenance Treatment](#)

Issued by the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board

[Caring for Pregnant and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Webinar slides from the Foundation for Opioid Response Efforts (based in New York)

[COVID-19 – Supporting People Requiring Opioid Dependence Treatment \(ODT\)](#)

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Innovation during COVID-19

[Lifeguard App](#)

British Columbia's Provincial Health Services Authority launched the Lifeguard App to link people using drugs alone with emergency services.

[Virtual Addiction Treatment Day Program](#)

The Fort McMurray Recovery Centre in Alberta opened registration for a virtual addiction treatment day program.

[Safe Supply for Members of Homeless Population](#)

Collaborative work in Nova Scotia to ensure safe supply for members of the homeless population during quarantine.

Take-home Naloxone Kits continue to be available at [sites](#) across the province.

The regional ODT Hubs are operational, providing ongoing rapid access to treatment. They're also available to consult with and support community-based physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, and counsellors:

St. John's
Building 532, 80 Charter Avenue
(Pleasantville)
709-752-4478

Corner Brook
35 Boones Road
709-634-4506

Gander
50 Memorial Drive East
709-256-1356

Stephenville
127 Montana Drive
709-643-8740

Happy Valley-Goose Bay
227 Hamilton River Road
709-897-2344

The provincial ODT phone line is available toll-free at **1-844-752-3588** (Monday – Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm). This line is:

- To help individuals navigate the system and connect with support and services
- For those seeking support for their opiate use, family members, and health-care providers



If you require any additional resources related to Opioid Dependence Treatment in the context of COVID-19, please contact Kate Lambert at kate.lambert@easternhealth.ca

