

The 4th Anniversary: *Raising our voices about COVID in Canada*

It was four years ago -- March 11 2020. The World Health Organisation (WHO) officially declared the “novel coronavirus” disease, COVID-19, a pandemic.

Four years later, the pandemic is still here, although the WHO says it’s no longer an emergency. The virus is still taking a toll on our healthcare, social and economic systems, and on people’s lives. Thousands of the deaths, many more infections, and some economic impacts were preventable.

It’s a time to raise our voices about the current state of the pandemic and to hear about the responses from those who have stepped in with preventive measures that governments and others have failed to promote.

Join the Canadian Aerosol Transmission Coalition in marking the fourth anniversary with a **free webinar on March 11, from 1 - 2:30 pm ET.**

In this first of a series, the agenda includes:

1. The back and forth of modelling

- Dr. Tara Moriarity** (University of Toronto and COVID-19 Resources Canada) about using available data to estimate infection rates and excess deaths
- Dr. Gosia Gasperowicz** (University of Calgary) about predicting infection waves and, now, Long COVID trends

2. National opportunities to make a difference

- Ways forward, from the Coalition (Alec Farquhar)
- Revising the CSA respirator standard (Dr. Simon Smith)
- A national foundation is here (Dr. Joe Vipond)

3. Snapshots from the grassroots, including

- Protecting clinic patients and staff
- CAVI’s CO2 monitors in public libraries
- COVID-STOP’s Quebec activities
- Billboards, songs, and more

4. How do we make more progress?

The Canadian Aerosol Transmission Coalition is a national volunteer-run group that models the inter-disciplinary approach we promote. We have produced materials, advocated for effective infection prevention and held webinars. See our [website](#) for more information.

Register in advance for this event [here](#)

After registering, you will get a confirmation e-mail with information about joining the conversation on March 11. See you then.