



# Canada Compassionate Communities - Adjusting during COVID-19

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# Examples of Compassionate Community initiatives during COVID-19

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## 1) National Level

- 1) Pallium Canada

## 2) Regional Level

- 1) British Columbia Centre for Palliative Care
- 2) Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

## 3) Community level

- 1) Compassionate Ottawa
- 2) J'accompagne Covid-19

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continued  
support of **Com  
Coms** in Canada

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## Compassionate Workplace Campaign

- Creating a supportive culture for caregiving, serious-illness and grief

## Pan-Canadian Com Com Evaluation Online Toolkit

- Creation of Framework and interactive website

## Com Com resources designed to be delivered in-person and virtually

- Ex. Care Maps Program



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# COVID-Response: Palliative Care Resources

To contribute toward health care professional preparedness during this pandemic, Pallium is collaborating with partners and subject matter experts from across Canada to create and compile COVID-19 and palliative care resources.

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## Palliative Care Medical Education

- Medical education - online and free for 6-months
- Free webinars on PC in all settings



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# British Columbia Communities Responding to COVID-19

## Report by BC Centre for Palliative Care

The Provincial Catalyst for Compassionate Communities Movement in BC.

- **April 2020-** Conducted [online consultation with over 30 community organizations](#) from across the province to identify post-COVID gaps in community support services as well as new challenges, unique pressures, and unmet needs.
- **May 2020-** Released [Be Prepared in the Time of COVID ACP Guide](#) to help the public prepare personal advance care plans considering the treatment and care options commonly offered for seriously ill COVID patients.
- **July 2020-** Announced [Seed Grants](#) opportunities to support BC communities in the time of COVID with **\$3000 per initiative**, toolkits and coaching by community development specialists.
- **September 2020-** With support from the seed grants, [twenty-one \(21\) compassionate community-led initiatives launched, continued, or adapted to COVID](#)– 50% of the initiatives serve rural, remote and indigenous communities. The initiatives addressing social isolation, grief, or practical and spiritual needs.



**CBC TV showcasing one of the com com Initiatives in BC.** The intergenerational initiative led by the Compassionate Neighbourhood Health Partners Society in Chilliwack, BC aims to break down isolation and loneliness.

*The initiative is funded and supported by BC Centre for Palliative Care.*

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- **September to December 2020-** BCCPC and End-of-Life Doula Association of Canada [piloted a ritual-based, 12-session grief support initiative for the public](#). The aim is to provide accessible peer-facilitated grief support that fosters community connection, grief competency and resilience. The evaluation results indicate that the pilot was a success by every measure.
- **October 2020 to March 2021-** Trained > 250 community volunteers to facilitate online ACP group conversation events and information sessions to the public in English, Punjabi, Mandarin or Cantonese.
- **March 2021-** Released two videos:
  1. [Advance care planning for everyone!](#) Explaining the importance of ACP particularly during the COVID era.
  2. [Advance care planning is as easy as Think, Talk, Plan!](#)



# Ontario Communities Responding to COVID-19

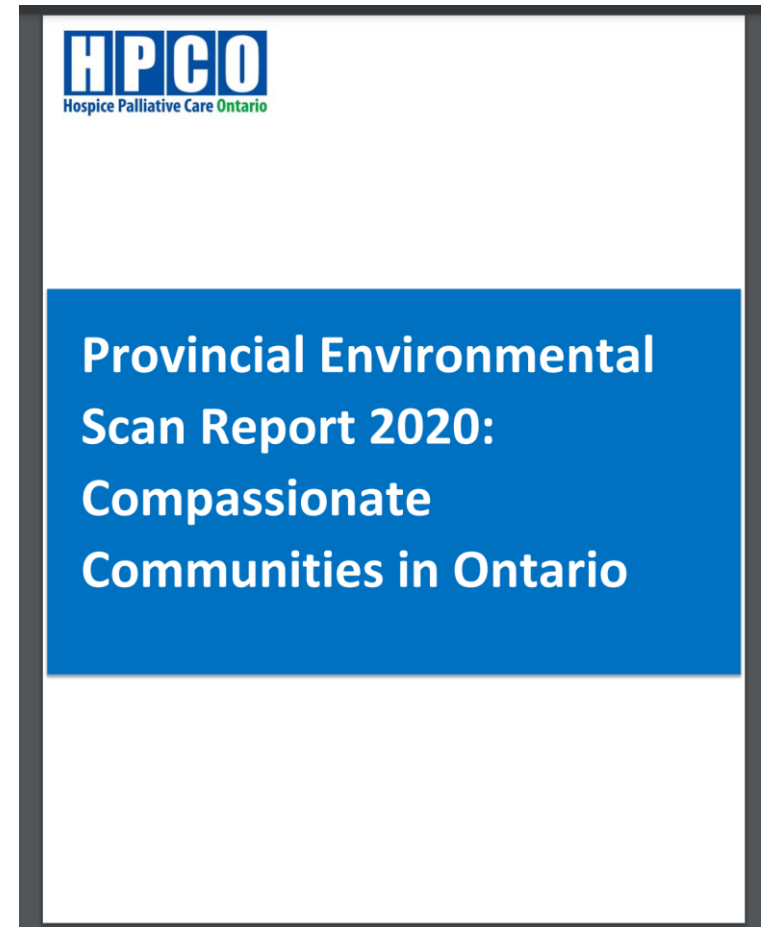
Report by Hospice Palliative Care Ontario

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## Activities Supporting Province Wide Capacity Building

### Compassionate Communities Community of Practice (CC CoP)

- HPCO has hosted the **Ontario Compassionate Communities Provincial Strategy** since 2016.
- HPCO's role - **catalyze and coordinate** a CC movement across Ontario
- **Connect like-minded Ontario researchers** and offers an infrastructure to support these individuals in sharing knowledge and information.







# Compassionate Ottawa

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1. Adjusted Community based Advance Care Planning program to online
2. Conversations with Leaders

[www.compassionateottawa.ca](http://www.compassionateottawa.ca)

LIVE VIRTUAL EVENT

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## Illness, Suffering and Spirituality: The Path to Hope and Healing

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Dr. Lorraine  
M. Wright



Marion  
Rattray

March 24, 2021

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

# J'accompagne Covid-19 – I Accompany

French speaking Compassionate Community

- Research initiative designed for in-person connection for caregivers.
- Was able to adjust funding to support the impacts of COVID-19
  - Created a Facebook page
    - Goal – virtual community of support for caregivers and those grieving

Facebook: @Jaccompagnecovid19



# THANK YOU

Any Questions?

