

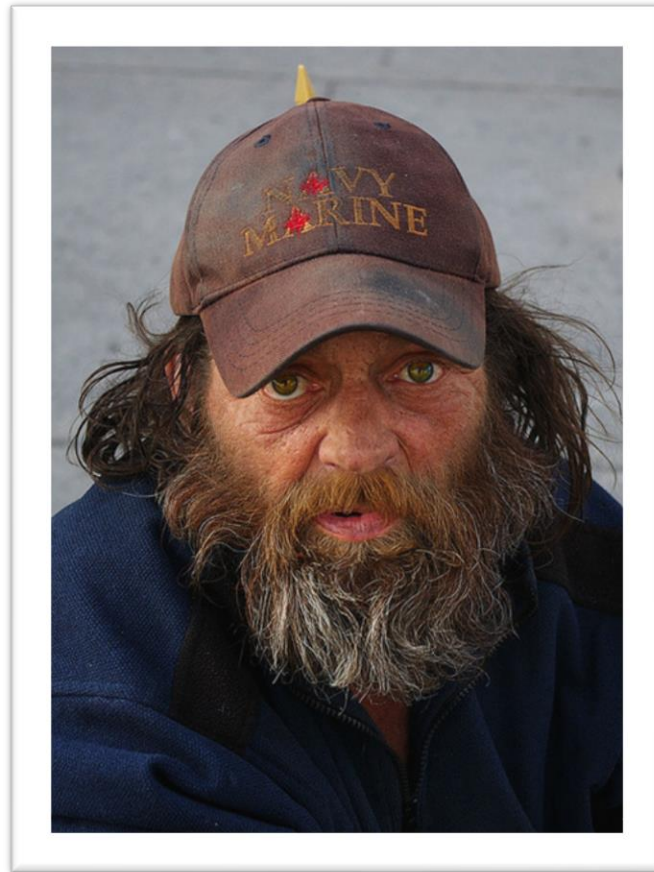
The Challenge of COVID 19 and Those Who Experience Homelessness

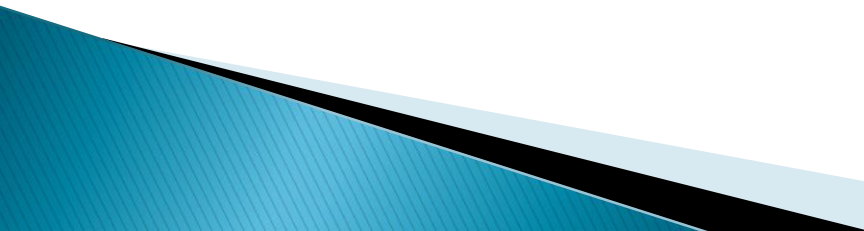


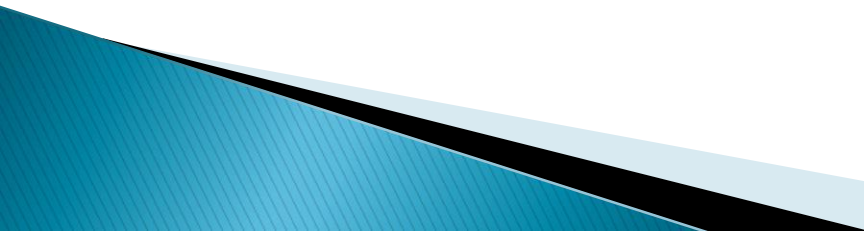
**Ontario's Long-Term Care
COVID-19 Commission**

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The Immediate Response to COVID 19 in the Homeless Environment



- **Recommendation 1.1:** *Implement an effective COVID 19 response for the homeless that is centrally coordinated, locally delivered, flexible, data informed and integrated between the diverse partners.*
 - **Recommendation 1.2:** *Support service providers and shelter staff to ensure that they and the clients they serve are safe, informed and included.*
 - **Recommendation 1.3:** *Engage shelters and housing partners in strategies to reduce overcrowding through temporary housing and appropriately redistribute services and service delivery models to areas of increased need.*
 - **Recommendation 1.4:** *Develop and put in place an evidence informed Outbreak Management Plan for all facilities/providers supporting the homeless.*
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- **Recommendation 1.5:** *Create Isolation Sites for those homeless who cannot safely self-isolate while awaiting test results and for those who test positive for COVID 19.*
 - **Recommendation 1.6:** *Establish and implement Screening, Testing and Contact Tracing strategies that are evidence informed, flexible and applied consistently.*
 - **Recommendation 1.7:** *Establish culturally sensitive and trauma informed approaches that apply to the wide diversity of individuals who reside within the homeless community.*
 - **Recommendation 1.8:** *Develop and implement, when available, a coherent and practical vaccine strategy for the homeless community.*
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Outcome of Interventions

