

In April 2020, the RSC President struck the [RSC Task Force on COVID-19](#) with a mandate to provide informed perspectives on major societal challenges in response to and recovery from COVID-19. The Task Force has been mandated to work nimbly in order to optimize reach and impact. To date, five Working Groups have been established and are in various stages of their work toward publishing an RSC COVID-19 Policy Briefing. Policy Briefings are peer-reviewed. The topics are: [Long Term Care](#), [Mental Health](#), Homelessness, Representations of Science, and Open Science Pandemic Drug Discovery.

A [time series survey](#) of RSC Members was also launched in April.

At the same time, the RSC partnered with the Globe and Mail in launching the [Ø Canada Project](#). The partnership leverages the respective strengths of the Globe and the RSC to provide resources to support Canadians as we all work toward Canada's first day with zero new COVID-19 infections. As of June 6, 50 informed perspectives have been posted to the [RSC website](#) or are in development.

At the invitation of the President, Dr. Tom Marrie leads these initiatives on behalf of the RSC.