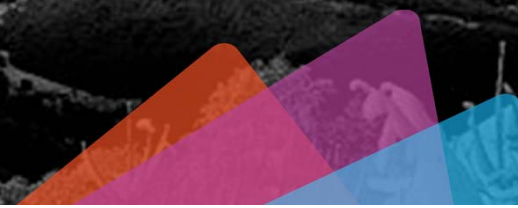




COVID-19 and the Settlement Sector

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AAISA COVID-19 RESPONSE

- Knowledge mobilization and advocacy
 - Sector, NSIC, and Minister meetings
 - First language resources for newcomer communities
- PPE Coordination
 - Vendors, purchasing
- COVID-19 and re-opening support
 - Coordination
 - Information sharing
 - Policies



COVID-19 AND NEWCOMERS

- Impacts on racialized and low-income communities
 - Studies show more than 2:1 ratio of racialized individuals affected vs. population composition
 - Also significant correlation between low-income households and COVID-19 rates
 - Also present in indigenous communities
- Social determinants of health play an important role
 - Affordable housing opportunities
 - Access to employment
 - Income supports
 - Educational opportunities



COLLABORATIVE RESPONSES

- From the advocacy perspective
- In response to emergency needs
 - Cargill in High River
 - Community outbreak in Brooks
 - 10% of the population positive
 - connecting service providers, major employers, health systems, and multiple levels of government
 - First language information on staying safe
 - Assess needs and deliver services to newcomers
 - Coordination with and between provincial government to ensure enough flexibility in existing agreements to address eligible services
 - Coalition of local funders – including the United Way and Community Foundation – provided resourcing for ineligible costs, such as ensuring food security and providing separate accommodations to facilitate quarantining impacted newcomers



LOOKING AHEAD

- Pro-active Measures
- Systemic Changes
- Policy Changes

