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13 ways to make Canada's COVID-19 recovery more equitable

A task force of MAP scientists has released a set of 13 recommendations to address long-standing health inequities that were exposed and exacerbated by COVID-19. The goal is to put Canada on the path to a more equitable pandemic recovery.

These recommendations would help solve problems related to income, housing, intimate partner violence, children's well-being, racism and access to health care. Some of these recommendations could be put into place in a matter of weeks or months — paid sick leave, pharmacare and eviction interventions are things that already have infrastructure around them.

"I hope that part of what this document shows is that the inequities we're seeing today and suffering from today, are a result of choices that we've made," said co-author and MAP scientist Dr. Nav Persaud. "If we choose different policies, if we make different decisions, we could have a more equitable society, and we could have more equitable health outcomes."



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Why in-person learning matters: A dispatch from the front lines

As we confront the next wave of the pandemic, we must focus on strategies to keep schools safely open, writes MAP scientist and pediatrician Dr. Sloane Freeman. This opinion piece explains how schools play a central role in supporting children's developing minds and bodies, and why we must do everything possible to keep them safely open.



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The pandemic encouraged virtual family doctor visits. Are they here to stay?

As policymakers consider the future of virtual health care, MAP scientist Dr. Tara Kiran speaks to the Toronto Star about the importance of ensuring virtual visits are accessible to all.



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