

Community Health Sciences Department Council Meeting August 29, 2023



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Please help us do a happy dance with this year's Departmental Award Winners!



Frank Stahnisch
*Pursuing
Meaningful
Research*



Na Li
*Reimagining
Education*



Reed Beall
*Creating with
Communities*



Zack Marshall
*Taking Action
Towards Equity,
Diversity, and
Inclusion*



Dr. Margaret Russell is retiring as of August 31st after 34 years of dedicated years of service to the University of Calgary.

Thank you for all of your incredible contributions to this department and the broader university. We wish you all the best in your retirement!



Please help us extend a warm welcome to **Dr. Arafaat Valiani**, a Killam Visiting Scholar and historian of science focusing on decolonization, indigeneity and biomedicine.

Welcome, Arafaat, we look forward to meeting and working with you!



Zack Marshall is the Co-Investigator on 3 awards! A SSHRC Insight Development Grant: *Sexual Healing for LGBTQA+ Survivors of Childhood Trauma* with Heather MacIntosh and Alan Martino; and two CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grants one with Turin Chowdhury, and the other with a colleague from the University of Toronto.

Gerald Giesbrecht received a CIHR Project Grant for his project: *Role of prenatal stress in the co-development of children's gut microbiome and socioemotional problems*



Katie Chaput and her team received a CIHR Project Grant for A *multidisciplinary prospective exploration of prenatal exposure to cannabis and associations with infant and child neurodevelopment to age 3*

Christine Friedenreich and her team received a CIHR Project Grant for their project: *Alberta Moving Beyond Breast Cancer (AMBER) Cohort Study: Understanding how Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Health-related Fitness are Related to Breast Cancer Survival*



> [EClinicalMedicine](#). 2023 Jun 29;61:102068. doi: 10.1016/j.eclinm.2023.102068. eCollection 2023 Jul.

Associations between hearing loss and clinical outcomes: population-based cohort study

Marcello Tonelli¹, Natasha Wiebe², Meg Lunney¹, Maoliosa Donald¹, Tanis Howarth³, Julie Evans⁴, Scott W Klarenbach², David Nicholas⁵, Tiffany Boulton⁶, Stephanie Thompson², Kara Schick Makaroff⁷, Braden Manns¹, Brenda Hemmelgarn²

Review > [Med Educ](#). 2023 Jul 26. doi: 10.1111/medu.15161. Online ahead of

Researching models of innovation and adoption in health professions education

Martin Victor Pusic^{1,2}, Rachel Helen Ellaway³

Comment > [Med Teach](#). 2023 Jul;45(7):793. doi: 10.1080/0142159X.2023.2189536.

Epub 2023 Mar 17.

Response to: 'Making sense of competency-based medical education'

Aliya Kassam^{1,2}, Jason Lord^{1,3}, Rachel H Ellaway²


> [Am J Infect Control](#). 2023 Jun 22;S0196-6553(23)00481-9. doi: 10.1016/j.ajic.2023.06.016.

Online ahead of print.

Patient compliance with the implementation of a decolonization strategy for Staphylococcus aureus in hip and knee replacements

Lindsay Whelan¹, Jenine Leal², Myles Leslie³, Herman W Barkema⁴, Wrechelle Ocampo⁵, Elissa R May⁶

BMJ Open Employing diffusion of innovation theory for 'not missing the mass' in community-engaged research

Tanvir C Turin ^{1,2}, Mashrur Kazi,¹ Nahid Rumana,^{3,4} Mohammad Ali Ashraf Lasker,⁵ Nashit Chowdhury^{1,2}

We want to do a Happy Dance with you!



Dr. Deborah A Marshall Research Team



[@Marshall_HEcon](#)

Thrilled to share that Deborah Marshall's presentation on the [@coloncanada](#) Patient Values Project received the best oral, non-student award at [#HTAi2023adelaide!](#)

Learn more about this project here:

colorectalcancercanada.com/what-we-do/our...

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Congratulations Deborah!!

Institute Updates



Update to the O'Brien Institute / Community Health Sciences seminar series

Save the date! The seminar series returns Sept. 14, noon to 1 p.m., with a panel discussion *Saying no: focusing on the "right" opportunities*.

This upcoming season will feature monthly panel discussions of topics supporting your research. Members are invited to host additional speakers/topics using the seminar platform.

[More info](#)

September 14th, 2023

3pm – 5pm MST

[RSVP](#)



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From cells to clinic to community

A showcase of summer student work from the
O'Brien Institute for Public Health & Libin Cardiovascular Institute

AUG. 14, 2023



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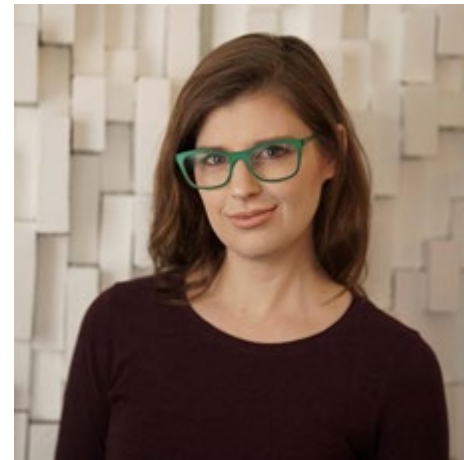


Please hold your calendar for the upcoming short-listed Scientific Director Candidate Presentations on Zoom!

Please be sure to register, links in chat.



Dr. Braden Manns
Sept. 15, 8 - 9 a.m.



Dr. Kirsten Fiest
Sept 19, 8 - 9 a.m.



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for Public Health**



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General:

- Introducing the 2023-2024 CHSSE team:

Name and Role	Program
Olayinka Arimoro (Co-Chair)	Olayinka is an MSc student (Biostatistics) and previously served as the CHSSE First Year Representative (MSc) for the 2022-23 academic year
Jessica Revington (Co-Chair)	Jessica is an MSc student (Population/Public Health) and previously served as the CHSSE Treasurer for the 2022-23 academic year
Brenna McGillion (Secretary)	Brenna is an MSc student (Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies) and previously served as the CHSSE Secretary for the 2022-23 academic year
Sarah Rabi (Treasurer)	Sarah is an MSc student (Health Services Research) and is a new member of CHSSE
Sandeep Chand (Events Coordinator)	Sandeep is an MSc student (Health Economics) and is a new member of CHSSE
Riley Martens (Events Coordinator)	Riley is an MSc student (Epidemiology) and is a new member of CHSSE
Sarina Aryal (Mentorship Coordinator)	Sarina is a MSc student (Health Services Research) and is a new member of CHSSE
Brooklyn Fernandes (First Year Representative - MSc)	Brooklyn is a MSc student (Health Services Research) and is a new member of CHSSE
Lindsay Moore (First Year Representative - PhD)	Lindsay is a PhD student (Epidemiology) and is a new member of CHSSE
Janelle Lee (General Executive)	Janelle is a PhD student (Population/Public Health) and previously served as the CHSSE Mentorship Coordinator for the 2022-23 academic year

Upcoming Events (September):

- A monthly CHSSE newsletter will be circulated to students. Events and opportunities from the Department and/or faculty members are welcome and can be sent to chsse@ucalgary.ca.

Event List (September 2023)		
Proposed Event	CHSSE Lead	Timing
Block Week Lunch + CHSSE Presentation	Co-Chairs	August 2023
CHSSE Mentorship Program (Launch)	Mentorship Coordinator	September 2023
Writing + Study Sessions	Secretary	Weekly (All Year)

- **BLOCK WEEK** is here! **August 28 – September 1 in O1500, HSC** (same theatre as last year)
- You're invited! Please join us today for **late afternoon snacks** and a becoming-legendary **F*ck-Ups Panel from 4 – 5:30 pm**, and/or on **Thursday, August 31st** for a **meet'n'greet lunch from 12 – 1:00 pm**



Stay tuned for the call for Department Recruitment Awards.
Call to go out by Mid-September, applications due by the end of September, announcements made by Mid-October.

Congratulations to Fabiola, Rabiya, and Heather
on their new Associate Dean roles!



Fabiola is the new
Associate Dean
Undergraduate Health and
Science Education



Rabiya is the new
Associate Dean
People, Culture and
Health Promotion



Heather is the new
Associate Dean
Graduate Sciences
Education

Are you a Post-doc interested in taking on a sessional role? Know a Post-doc who might be?

We are looking for a Sessional Instructor for the Winter term for MDCH 660 – Foundations of Health Services Research

Please direct any inquiries or interested folks to me!



We are going to try a day in the office, where each week folks come in-person for one day (schedules permitting).

Let's try for Tuesdays to start. Hope to see you around CWPH3 then!



Considering a Research Leave?

- 1) Set up a meeting with me in September
- 2) Deadline for Application is October 15 (ish)

CHI's Upcoming Open House!



The poster features a green and orange background with a stylized building illustration. It includes the CHI logo, the event title 'OPEN HOUSE', the date and time 'Sep 14, 2023 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM MDT', the address '3280 Hospital Drive NW CWPH 5E04 Calgary, AB T2N 4Z6', and a 'Register Now' button.

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OPEN HOUSE

Join us to learn about the collaborative and innovative work happening in the Centre!

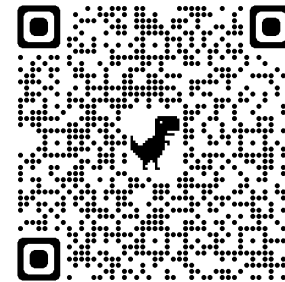
Sep 14, 2023
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM MDT

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5E04 Calgary, AB T2N 4Z6

[Register Now](#)

We invite you to come tour the space of the Centre, meet our staff and learn about our research, current projects, services, and the various research groups housed within the Centre.

To register, scan the QR code:



Effective September 1, 2023 - M.1. Supporting Documentation

Students may be asked to provide supporting documentation for an exemption/special request. This may include, but is not limited to, a prolonged absence from a course where participation is required, a missed course assessment, a deferred examination, or an appeal. Students are encouraged to submit documentation that will support their situation.

Falsification of any supporting documentation will be taken very seriously and may result in disciplinary action through the Academic Discipline regulations or the Student Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

To read more, please visit:

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html>

You're invited!

Please join us for our first-ever student-focused event:
Interdisciplinary Student Research Showcase: Celebrating the Future

Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Foothills Campus,
lunch provided.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and check out
some amazing student work!

Students and trainees: there is an Open Call for Presenters to
sign up and showcase your efforts.

For all the event details, please scan the QR code:



Hosted by:



In the spring of 2023 we launched our first ever student-focused conference, a mix of student presentations as well as skill-building and networking opportunities, hosted by CHS and the O'Brien Institute for Public Health.



Interdisciplinary Student Research Showcase: Celebrating the Future!

WHEN: Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: Foothills Campus

WHAT: This event is an opportunity for students and trainees in BCR, Health & Society (BHSC), MDCH, HDSB, PHPM Residents and CHS Post-docs to showcase their work and the challenges future public health leaders are working on solving!

WHO: Faculty, staff and students are invited to register and attend to check out some amazing student work! Students and trainees are invited to present their work at this event.

HOW: More details available online. Please scan the QR code or visit:
<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/community-health-sciences/education/celebrating-our-future-interdisciplinary-student-research-showcase>

Hosted by the Department of
Community Health Sciences
and the O'Brien Institute for
Public Health



Please scan the QR code for
registration and event details.

The **Professional Development and Experiential Learning (PDEL)** program is re-launching this fall!

PDEL is designed to create opportunities for graduate thesis-based students to develop professional competencies through experiential learning opportunities across diverse sectors. Partnerships include AHS SCNs, the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA), the Institute of Health Economics (IHE) just to name a few.

Supervisors and students: If this sounds like a good fit, check out the link in the chat to learn more!

Letter-writing campaign for a sustained increase in CIHR funding

The CIHR University Delegate Advisory Committee (UDAC) is organizing a letter-writing campaign aimed at ensuring a sustained increase in CIHR funding is part of the next federal budget.

Template letters (in English and French) have been provided for the academic community. Researchers are encouraged to personalize the letter by adding examples relevant to their research or institution. Researchers are also asked to encourage their broader research network (e.g., community partners, patients, commercial entities, etc.) to also write letters.

Letter writers may wish to consult Research Canada's government report titled "Health Research: A Bold Ambition to Secure Canada's Economic Future."

Questions about the campaign can be sent to a member of the UDAC, listed in the chat.

Our first seminar of Fall 2023 will be a very timely ***Saying no: Focusing on the “right” opportunities***

When: Thursday, September 14 from noon to 1:00 pm (a calendar invite with Zoom and in-person registration links will be circulated)

Where: Rose & Nightingale Rooms, CWPH 3rd floor & on Zoom

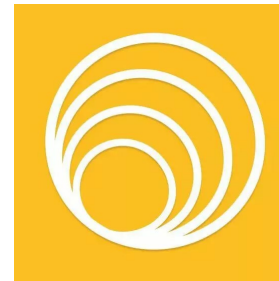
We will be providing lunch for our in-person guests, so please be sure to register if you are planning to attend in person!

Indigenous Canada MOOC Community

- Bringing people together to work through the MOOC
 - Everyone is welcome (staff, students, faculty)
 - 12 on-line sessions that you will work through on your own
 - 2 Debriefs with Dr. Roach
 - Nov 1 (mid-point)
 - Dec 6 (end)

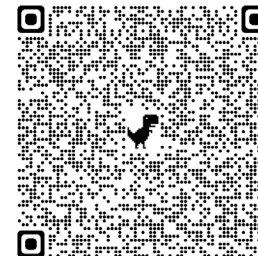


Download the UCSafety and UCalgary Alertus Emergency Apps



UCSafety can alert designated contacts of missed check-ins or activation of panic alerts while working alone, and provides users access to multiple well-being, safety, and security resources.

To learn more or download the apps, scan here:
(link in the chat).





CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship (HSIF)

<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51211.html>

Goal: Accelerate learning health systems and enhance the preparedness of the next generation of health services and policy PhD graduates to make meaningful and impactful contributions throughout their careers, within and outside of academia.

- 1 Support Impact-Oriented Career Paths
- 2 Expand and Enrich the Traditional Training Environment
- 3 Increase Research Talent within Health System Organizations

Key Dates:

- **Competition Open Date:** November 2023
- **University of Calgary Info Session** November 2023
- **Application Date:** February 2024
- **Notice of Decision:** August 2024
- **Funding and Fellowship Start Date:** September, 2024



UofC is the home of the CIHR HSIF National Cohort Training Program!

Happy to chat if you are interested in this program:

Simron Sidhu, NCTP Programme Manager at harsimronjoot.sidhu@ucalgary.ca

Deborah Marshall, Principal Applicant at damarsha@ucalgary.ca

Department council has moved around a bit this year. It will be held on a Tuesday, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. still, and the new dates are as follows:

September 26

October 17

November 21

December 19

If you require the updated Zoom invites, please contact Brenda Green at bgreen@ucalgary.ca

Update: Course Experience Survey Questions

The Course Feedback Implementation Working Group (CFIWG), has drafted thoughtfully created questions to help shift course experience surveys to better capture student perspectives of their experiences in our academic courses.

CFIWG is seeking feedback on the proposed core questions (that will replace the USRI until Sept. 12) and feedback can be provided here:

https://survey.ucalgary.ca/jfe/form/SV_9v0PUT1jd3pzfdc
(link in chat)

We created a living course list document that contains all of the currently available courses in MDCH, when they are offered, who is teaching them, as well as a description of each course.

The intent for this list is provide a simple, one-stop-shop document for use by supervisors when discussing what upcoming courses are required or optional that a student should consider taking.

You can find this list on the CHS website under Resources for Supervisors, here:

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/community-health-sciences/resources/faculty-and-staff>

The New U of C Strategic Plan: Ahead of Tomorrow



- 1**
Increase access to impactful and future-focused education
Goal: To educate transformative leaders.

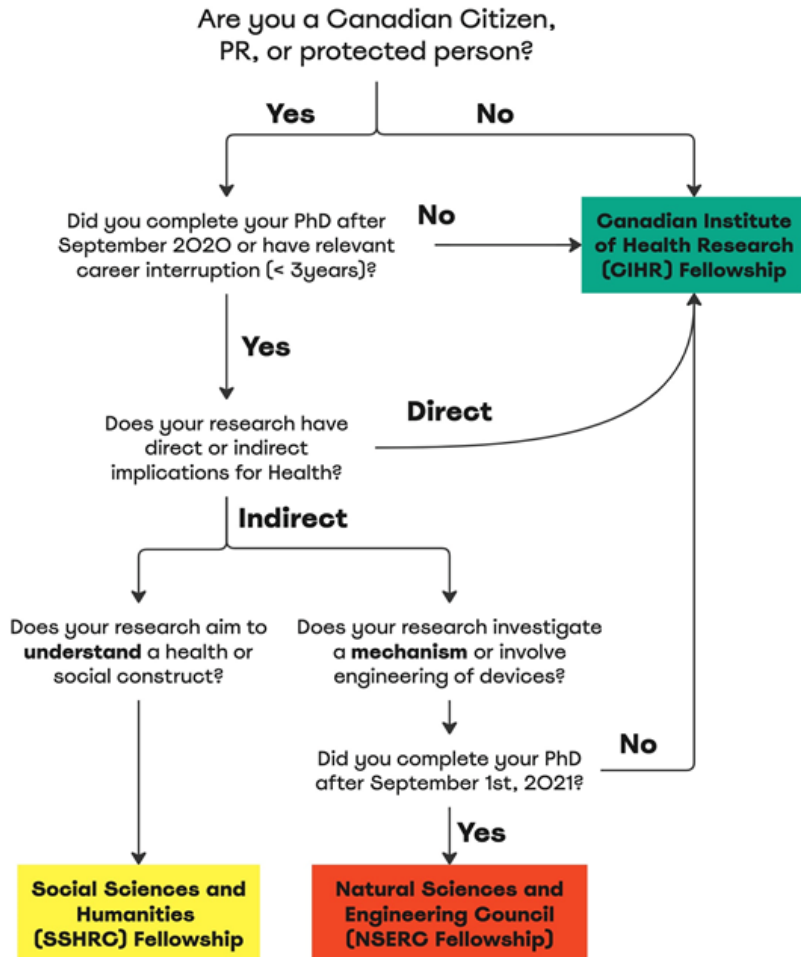
- 2**
Harness the power of research and innovation to tackle society's biggest challenges
Goal: Maximize research impact.

- 3**
Locate community at the centre of all we do
Goal: Enhance community relevance.

- 4**
Make our processes clearer, simpler, better than any other university
Goal: Ensure it is simpler and faster to set ideas in motion here than at any other university.

Thinking about TriCouncil Fellowship?

Which Triagency Do I Apply To?



Postdocs, Supervisors, and Supporters: SSHRC and NSERC are live already, and CIHR is expected to launch soon. These are your action items right now:

- 1) **Create your CCV** and have it reviewed by the Grant Development Office. Make an appointment.
- 2) **Identify a reference/mentor** that can attest to an aspect of your research persona: presentation skills, work ethics, knowledge translation/ impact etc. Three references are required, make these connections well before a letter is needed.
- 3) **Plan your writing with a timeline**, add extra time for reviews from your supervisor and the Grant Development Office.
- 4) Did you apply last year? **Send in your reviewer feedback** to have it deciphered and come up with a game plan!

More info available through the link in the chat.

Reminder: the new Transdisciplinary Connector Grants program is now open for applications.

This new program is designed to promote initiatives that enable UCalgary teams to **explore questions, challenges and opportunities that demand a transdisciplinary approach**. Connector funding is distinguished from other forms of support such as start-up or bridge funding by its focus on fostering new connections among scholars, trainees, and external partners.

Key details:

Value: Initiating stream: up to \$10,000; Consolidating stream: up to \$20,000

Duration: Initiating stream: 6 months; Consolidating stream: 12 months

Deadlines recurring annually on: ~~May 15, Aug 15~~, Feb 15 & Nov 15

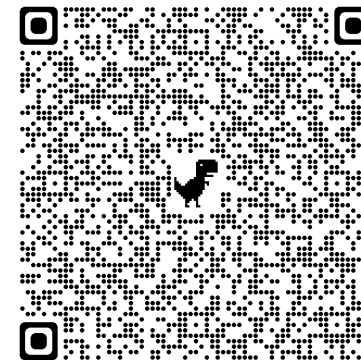
For more information please visit:

<https://research.ucalgary.ca/research/transdisciplinary>

The Grant Development Office is currently carrying out a survey to better understand the needs of CSM researchers when it comes to research and grant development. **All CSM faculty and research support staff are encouraged to complete the survey.**

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and your responses will be anonymous. The GDO appreciates your honest feedback, as it will help them better develop services and programs to meet your needs.

You can take the survey by scanning here:



The OnCore CTMS is designed to enhance clinical trial infrastructure by increasing efficiencies in clinical trial management. It enables increased capacity for additional studies, standardization and adoption of best practices, and improved study quality, budget management, and regulatory compliance from automated processes. OnCore is a state-of-the-art, cloud-based enterprise solution hosted in a Canadian Data Centre.

How can OnCore help?

- Enhances clinical performance
- Improves clinical trial reporting
- Increases efficiencies in clinical trial management
- Improves patient safety and management
- Increases capacity for additional studies
- Standardizes workflows and information
- Ensures study quality, budgeting, invoicing, and compliance

For more info visit: <https://research.ucalgary.ca/clinical-trials/resources-clinical-trials/clinical-trials-management-system>

UCalgary's inaugural RDM Strategy (aka The Strategy) is now available on the Research website (link in chat), in compliance with Tri-Agency requirements. It is a living document that will change with time and new developments in RDM.

The Strategy outlines what institutional supports will be in place for RDM including:

- Institutional Policies and Processes – build a robust policy, procedure & process framework to allow UCalgary to support its research communities and meet institutional obligations
- IT Infrastructure – support services include active storage, secure data storage, High-Performance Computing (HPC), and an institutional data repository
- Support Services – include basic training and consultation for key areas of RDM (i.e. data management plans), cybersecurity, and meeting funders' RDM requirements
- Building a broader RDM Culture – develop a network of Research Data Champions, advocate for common approaches to and increased support for RDM-related needs, etc.

ChatGPT: What is it and should we worry?

What is ChatGPT? It is an AI program model trained to follow instructions in a prompt and provide a detailed response using Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF).

The Taylor Institute has prepared some information and resources for faculty and students around growing concerns over the impact ChatGPT could have on teaching and learning (links will be posted in the chat):

- Teaching and Learning with Artificial Intelligence Apps
- A First Response to Assessment and ChatGPT in your Courses
- eLearn Articles and Resources for ChatGPT
- Resources on Academic Integrity



- **Practice compassion**

Try to recognize everyone is going through this moment under varying circumstances. Your own reactions and emotions are okay, as are others. Communicate your comfort level to those you interact with and encourage others to do the same.

- **One day at a time**

The uncertainty that we are coping with is a significant challenge. Instead of ruminating on the past or worrying about the future, be mindful of the present moment. This can help us focus on our own emotions and what we can control.

- **Reach out**

Although heightened stress in this situation is normal, support is available for you to discuss your feelings. If fear or stress is impacting your ability to participate or complete daily tasks, homework, or activities, reach out to your community—friends, family, faith, or through counselling or crisis lines.

- **Concerned about a student?** E-mail the Student at Risk team at sar@ucalgary.ca

For additional information and to access support please visit:

<https://ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/mental-health-covid-19>