

Pandemic Recovery Planning

Enhancing Care for Older Adults in Ontario

3795

Long Term Care resident deaths from COVID-19¹

8833

Excess deaths in 65+ age group²

There is work to do to adapt to the unique needs of older adults

Top Impacts Reported by Older Adults³

↓ Access to Programs & Services

↑ Isolation

↑ Worsening Health

↑ Technology Challenges

↑ Caregiver Burden

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Principles to Guide Planning



Co-designed

Including older adults and caregivers, as well as health & social care providers who understand the needs and aspirations of older adults.



Person Centred

Transformation that rebuilds trust and reflects the values of older adults and their chosen community.



Integrated

Practice innovations that move beyond discipline and sector-specific approaches and integrate medical, mental health & addictions, and rehabilitative care across the continuum.



Consistent and Timely

Older adults will not be abandoned. High quality care will be provided in a compassionate, equitable and timely manner everywhere, including palliative care services when required.



Holistic

Older adults need access to comprehensive assessment and tailored interventions with goal-based plans for health optimization that build on the older person's intrinsic capacity and personal goals.

1. June 22, 2021 <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/data/long-term-care-homes>
2. To March 2021 <https://covid19-sciencetable.ca/sciencebrief/excess-mortality-in-ontario-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>
3. Survey and focus group conducted by PGLO and RCA April 2021