

Adapting the 2021 Census of Population in Canada to COVID-19

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This presentation will summarize the adaptations necessary to ensure a safe and effective field operation for Canada's Census of Population in May, 2021. In Canada, the assumption is that COVID-19 will still be present at the time of field operations. In the spring of this year, key Census staff met virtually over two days, to determine the changes necessary to ensure the health and safety of Canadian households, and Statistics Canada census staff. All dimensions of the operations were changed, and Statistics Canada is currently making the comprehensive changes required to processes, IT systems, documentation and office layout. These changes will be described, as will the process to determine and govern the changes, in this presentation.