

Cross-Canada Check-In Session: Summary of the April 3 Session

As a way to connect and support Physical and Health Education Teacher Educators (PHETE) in this time of crisis and uncertainty, PHE Canada hosted a **Cross-Country Check-In** on **April 3**. The Check-In took place through Zoom and was facilitated by Doug Gleddie (PHE Canada President-Elect) and Lauren Sulz (PHE Canada Research Council Chair). Attendance in the chat went as high as 190 and stabilized at about 120 participants from across Canada and abroad. Although the discussions included a variety of idea sharing, opportunities and challenges, we focused on several key topics.

1. **Student teacher practicum disruptions.** Examples were shared from a number of Institutions with instructors and faculty members sharing concerns for student teacher well-being, future career prospects and accreditation. As a result of these discussions, the next PHETE Cross-Canada Check-In will be on April 17 at 12 pm ET, focus on student teachers and be co-facilitated by Lauren Sulz and Steve McGinley ([Please RSVP here](#))
2. **Challenges and opportunities for PHETE during the pandemic.** Participants shared online learning experiences, barriers and strategies in PHETE. The idea of creating a *position statement* for PHETE online was discussed and will be followed up by the PHE Canada Research Council. The discussion was rich, robust and diverse.
3. **The need for future connections and discussions.** The chat concluded with ideas for future discussions and agreement to have another chat focused on PHETE. A Google Sheet and [Google Drive](#) Folder were created and shared for PHETEs to sign up and begin to share their online assignments, lessons, tools and other resources. [A follow up discussion with interested participants will take place in the coming weeks.](#) Please contact researchcouncil@phecanada.ca if you would like more information about this collaborative opportunity.

Given the large number of participants, there was obviously a desire for a conversation like this during these uncertain times. We appreciated the time and engagement from all who participated in this first Check-In and look forward to future PHETE chats!

Doug and Lauren