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SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLKIT

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#ChildrenAtTheHeart

TAKE ACTION

Top 10 Threats to Childhood in Canada: Recovering from the Impacts of COVID-19

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, school closures and lockdown restrictions have placed a disproportionate burden on children and youth. Education is not the only reason why young people need access to in-person learning. At school, kids can also access nutritional programs, physical activity, social and emotional support, and safeguards against abuse. The learning loss and health challenges experienced during the pandemic will affect kids for years to come.

Our *Raising Canada 2021* report is the fourth in an annual series that tracks the top 10 threats to childhood in Canada. Did you know that all of the top 10 threats have been amplified and accelerated by the pandemic? That's why we're urging all Canadians to put **#ChildrenFirst** – and we're urging the federal and provincial governments to put **#ChildrenAtTheHeart** of Canada's COVID-19 recovery plans.

Kids are in crisis. The urgency to support children and youth has never been greater.

Will you help us to spread the word?

In this social media toolkit, you'll find everything you need to mobilize action and raise awareness about the top 10 threats and the impacts of COVID-19. Every tweet, post, like and share invites Canadians to engage in this critical conversation.

[Click here](#) to read our full report, and join us for a special Raising Canada event on October 6 at 1 p.m. ET to learn how you can take action.

[Register now](#) for our interactive digital event, and invite a friend to join you!

GET SOCIAL WITH US

Children must be at the heart of Canada's COVID-19 recovery plans. Here's how you can get involved on social media:

1. Use our hashtags: #ChildrenAtTheHeart #ChildrenFirst #RaisingCanada

2. Download our Raising Canada 2021

graphic: It's hard to ignore a new profile image, right? Using our Raising Canada 2021 graphic as your profile picture is a great way to get the conversation started with your family and friends. See [page 5](#) for more details.

3. Tag a friend: See [page 3](#) for a compelling way to spread the word about the top 10 threats to childhood – then tag a friend and challenge them to do the same. Don't forget to invite them to our Raising Canada event, too!

4. Share social posts made by Children First Canada: Watch our social channels for shareable facts and information about the top 10 threats to childhood and how you can get involved.

5. Make your own social posts: Help spread the word about the top 10 threats to childhood and the impact of COVID-19. Don't know where to start? We've got you covered. Read on for sample posts you can use on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

Follow us on social media for the latest news, updates and events:



Twitter: @children1stca



Facebook: @childrenfirstcanada



Instagram: @children1stca

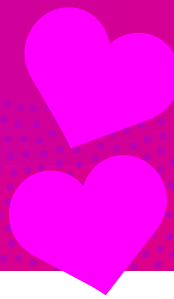
Here are the links you'll need to get started:

Raising Canada 2021 campaign page: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps>

Raising Canada 2021 event registration: <https://bit.ly/2XXH24J>

Downloadable graphics: <https://bit.ly/38yn1nk>

SHOW SOME LOVE



In light of the crisis unfolding across the country, Children First Canada partnered with children's hospitals and other leading child advocates earlier this year to declare [#codePINK](#), a term used for pediatric emergencies. Children and youth continue to face unprecedented challenges today. The new research shared in *Raising Canada 2021* reveals that the top 10 threats to childhood – which predate COVID-19 – have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

Kids are in crisis. We must put **#ChildrenAtTheHeart** of Canada's COVID-19 recovery plans.

Here's how you can raise awareness on social media:

Step 1: Draw a pink heart on your hand.

You can use a pink marker, paint, or even lipstick.

Step 2: Take a selfie while holding your hand up to the camera, just like in the picture here.

Step 3: Share your photo on social media and explain why we need to put **#ChildrenAtTheHeart** of Canada's COVID-19 recovery plans.



Don't forget to tag federal and provincial leaders in your post, calling on them to take action!

Here are two sample tweets:

FEDERAL EXAMPLE

Kids deserve to be healthy and reach their full potential. I'm calling on @JustinTrudeau, @erinotoole, @theJagmeetSingh, @yfblanchet, and @AnnamiePaul to take action! It's time to put **#ChildrenAtTheHeart** of Canada's **#COVID19** recovery plans: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps>

PROVINCIAL EXAMPLE (ONTARIO)

Kids deserve to be healthy and reach their full potential. I'm calling on **@fordnation** to take action! It's time to put **#ChildrenAtTheHeart** of Canada's **#COVID19** recovery plans: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps>

REMEMBER TO REPLACE THE TWITTER HANDLE ABOVE WITH THE ONE FOR YOUR OWN PREMIER.

TWITTER

Tweet 1

#COVID19 school closures have taken a high toll on kids. It's time to put #ChildrenAtTheHeart of Canada's recovery plans. Spread the word about the top 10 threats facing kids: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps> #RaisingCanada

Tweet 2

The #RaisingCanada 2021 report reveals alarming stats about the top 10 threats to childhood. Join me for a special event on Oct. 6 @ 1 p.m. ET to learn more! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2XXH24J> #ChildrenAtTheHeart #ChildrenFirst

Tweet 3

Did you know? All of the top 10 threats to kids have been amplified by the pandemic. We need to put #ChildrenFirst! Want to help? Share this post and spread the word: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps> #ChildrenAtTheHeart

Tweet 4

Children must be at the heart of Canada's #COVID19 recovery plans. The future of Canada depends on it. Take a moment to share this post and read this year's #RaisingCanada report: <https://bit.ly/3mpi0ps> #ChildrenAtTheHeart #ChildrenFirst

Tweet 5

Every child deserves to survive and thrive. Join me for a special #RaisingCanada event on Oct. 6 @ 1 p.m. ET to learn about the top 10 threats facing kids in Canada and the impact of #COVID19. You don't want to miss this! Sign up now: <https://bit.ly/2XXH24J> #ChildrenAtTheHeart

FACEBOOK

Post 1

#COVID19 school closures have taken a high toll on kids' mental health. Young people are facing increased levels of eating disorders, substance abuse and suicide attempts. Kids are in crisis more than ever before. Read the latest #RaisingCanada report about the top 10 threats to childhood and spread the word! <https://bit.ly/3mpiOps> #ChildrenAtTheHeart

Post 2

The #RaisingCanada 2021 report reveals alarming statistics about the top 10 threats to childhood and the devastating impact of #COVID19 school closures. Join me for a special event on Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. ET to learn more and how you can take action! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/2XXH24J> #ChildrenAtTheHeart #ChildrenFirst

Post 3

Did you know? Canada's infant mortality rate is now the second highest among 17 other affluent countries. We need to put #ChildrenFirst! Want to help? Share this post with your family and friends and spread the word about the top 10 threats facing kids in Canada. Check out the latest #RaisingCanada report here: <https://bit.ly/3mpiOps> #ChildrenAtTheHeart

Post 4

Children must be at the heart of Canada's #COVID19 recovery plans. The future of our country depends on it. Do you know what the top 10 threats to childhood are? Check out the latest #RaisingCanada report to learn more: <https://bit.ly/3mpiOps>. #ChildrenAtTheHeart #ChildrenFirst

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GET NOTICED

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INSTAGRAM

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INSTAGRAM STORIES

Remember to tag us @children1stca in your Instagram stories so we can repost!

You can also REPOST or SHARE IN YOUR STORIES any @children1stca posts that relate to #ChildrenAtTheHeart and #RaisingCanada

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THANK YOU!



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