



Communiqué

Fourth Meeting of the Council, Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership

25 June 2020

The Council of the Migrant and Refugee Health Partnership held its fourth meeting via videoconference on 25 June 2020.

The Chair provided an update on COVID-19's impact on migrant and refugee communities, highlighting the ongoing challenge of tailoring public health messaging to people with English as a second language. The Secretariat noted the ongoing COVID-19 related advocacy efforts for in-language resources and telehealth.

The Secretariat provided an update on the promotion of the MyAusCOVID-19 app, which was developed by Migration Council Australia. The [MyAusCOVID-19 app](#) provides in-language information on the COVID-19 virus in Australia and is available to download on Android and Apple devices in 25 languages.

Members discussed their observations during COVID-19, highlighting the impact of racism, family violence and misinformation circulated via social media as key challenges experienced by communities. Possible actions for the Partnership in response to these challenges were discussed by members, including advocating for inclusion of migrant and refugee communities in advisory processes for the COVID-19 Response and compiling a list of resources to provide telehealth patients.

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