COVID-19
The Patient’s Perspective

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How an Edmonton curling tournament became a hotspot for the COVID-19 outbreak in Canada

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Lessons Learned from Bonspiel (as of April 1, 2020)

- COVID-19 is highly contagious
  - 38 of 73 curlers tested positive (plus two family members) on 17/18 teams
  - 3 confirmed false negatives (all nasal swabs -> NP swab)
  - 12 additional presumptive cases based on symptoms (9 tested negative)
- COVID-19 symptoms are variable
  - URTI > ILI > GI > fever
  - Anosmia can be only symptom
  - All recovered at home without hospitalization
- Testing
  - Took 9d (MB) and 14d (ON) to get positive results
  - Clearing HCW to return to work after infection will be an issue
  - Need serology and rapid point of care testing