The Continuing Care Resource Team (CCRT) is a multi-disciplinary team formed as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It supports long-term care (LTC) homes located in the former Saskatoon Health Region. The team comprises of healthcare professionals from Continuing Care, Public Health, and Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) with mandated responsibilities to support LTC homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CCRT’s role includes the following:

- Facilitating and coordinating the safe transition of residents and staff following a COVID-19 positive test.
- Assisting LTC homes with implementing infection control strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Providing guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE) and other infection control measures.
- Identifying and addressing gaps in pandemic preparedness and response planning for LTC homes.
- Coordinating with other government agencies and organizations to ensure a cohesive approach to supporting LTC homes.

The CCRT was created in May 2020 in response to the impact of SARS-CoV-2 on LTC homes located in the former Saskatoon Health Region. As of March 2021, CCRT had supported 166 outbreaks during the pandemic.

**CCRT Activities**

- **Safety Walks**: Safety Walks are site-specific assessments conducted at LTC homes to identify areas for improvement in infection control practices. These walks are conducted every 6-8 weeks or as required.
- **Classroom Education**: Classroom education sessions are conducted to enhance knowledge and skills among LTC home staff.
- **Simulation Drills**: Simulation drills are conducted to test the preparedness and response of LTC homes to COVID-19 outbreaks.
- **Guideline Development**: CCRT works with other stakeholders to develop and disseminate guidelines for the safe transition of residents and staff following a COVID-19 positive test.
- **Narrative Records**: CCRT maintains narrative records for each outbreak to document responses and outcomes.

The CCRT continues to evolve and adapt its approach to better support LTC homes, with a focus on resilience and sustainability during and beyond the pandemic.