

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

Two new important guidance documents were received over the weekend.

The new [COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update V. 5.0, May 28, 2020](#) includes several updates including:

1. Guidance on asymptomatic close contact testing (Page 4)
2. Clarified facility transfer guidance (Page 4)
3. Added testing guidance prior to surgical procedures (Page 5)
4. Added information on contact-based testing in hospitals (Page 6)
5. Added information on contact-based testing in Long-Term Care and Retirement Homes (Page 7)
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7. Added information on contact-based testing in Congregate Living Settings and Institutions (Page 8)
8. Added information on enhanced contact-based testing in Workplaces and Community Settings (Page 8)

The [COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance Version 7.0 May 28, 2020](#) has also been updated and includes the following highlights:

- All cases should now be cleared using the non-test based approach.
- An individual that has previously had laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 AND was cleared, should generally **not** be re-tested due to persistent shedding.
- Repeat testing after a positive result is **not** required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local

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