

In light of the recent updates from the Ministry of Health related to their guidance documents for COVID-19, we wanted to ensure CHNs had the most recent documents to help guide the Public Health portion of case and contact management.

Attached include:

- Case Definition (Mar 30, 2020)
Located on the Ministry of Health: Guidance for Health Sector Website
at: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx
 - Quick Reference PH Guide on Testing and Clearing Cases (April 15, 2020)
 - COVID-19 Testing Update (April 15, 2020)
 - Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario (April 15, 2020)
 - Appendix 1: Severe Acute Respiratory Infection Case Report Form COVID-19 Follow-Up Form
 - Appendix 5: Close Contact Tracing Worksheet
- *These documents are also available on Onehealth.ca

In the event of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case:

- During regular hours, CHNs are to contact their assigned CD Nurse
- For afterhours, over the weekend or during a holiday, contact the EPHO afterhours line at **1-855-407-2676**
- Public Health Management Forms for COVID-19 Cases are available on Onehealth.ca
 - [Appendix 1 - COVID-19 Follow-up Form](#)
 - [Appendix 2 - Routine Activities Prompt Worksheet Case](#)
 - [Appendix 3 - Daily Clinical Update Acute Care](#)
 - [Appendix 4 - Client Monitoring Tracking Record](#)
 - [Appendix 5 - Contact Tracing Worksheet](#)

The CD Team will help CHNs navigate through a probable or confirmed case as needed, along with the required forms or any additional questions related to

Communication with Chief and Council regarding a positive COVID-19 case within the community

- CD Nurse contacts CHN (or NIC), CHN (or NIC) then contacts the Health Director (HD) or Chief
 - If no CHN available (or unknown), then CD Nurse to contact HD
 - If no HD or unavailable, then FNIHB-OR Public Health Physician to contact Chief directly
- *No client identifiers are to be provided to the Health Director or Chief and Council to ensure client confidentiality*

In addition to the attached documents, the [Ministry of Health](http://www.health.gov.on.ca) provides various guidance documents including:

Health Sector Resources

[Guidance for Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting](#)
[Guidance for Acute Care](#)
[Guidance for Home and Community Care Providers](#)
[Outbreak Guidance for Long-Term Care Homes \(LTCH\)](#)
[Guidance for Long-Term Care Homes](#)
[Long-Term Care Homes COVID-19 Screening Checklist](#)
[Guidance for Paramedic Services](#)
[Guidance for Independent Health Facilities](#)
[Community Labs and Specimen Collection Centres](#)
[Guidance for Community Pharmacies](#)
[Guidance for Occupational Health and Safety](#)
[Guidance for Consumption and Treatment Services](#)
[Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#)
[COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#)

Available at: http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx

Guidance for Other Sectors

[Guidance for Food Premises](#)
[Guidance for Industry Operators](#)
[Guidance for Emergency Childcare Centres](#)
[Guidance for Funeral and Bereavement Services](#)
[Guidance for Temporary Foreign Workers](#)
[Guidance for Homeless Shelters](#)
[Guidance for Group Homes and Co-Living Settings](#)

Mental Health Resources

[Talking to Children About the Pandemic](#)
[Resources for Ontarians Experiencing Mental Health and Addictions Issues During the Pandemic](#)