

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Oct 13th, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

Dial-in: 1-877-413-4781 Access Code: 377 0869

COVID-19 in Ontario

- COVID-19 continues to circulate in Ontario with increased cases being reported
- Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto have reverted to a modified Stage 2 as of October 10, 2020
 - The rest of the province remains in [Stage 3](#) of reopening
- Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto have targeted measures for 28 days as a result of their higher than average rates of transmission which include:
 - Indoor dining closed
 - Indoor gyms closed
 - Cinemas, theatres, casinos, indoor attractions
 - No personal care services will be allowed where face coverings must be removed
 - Food courts must be closed except for take-out
- Directive #5 for Public Hospitals within the meaning of the Public Hospitals Act and Long-Term Care Homes within the meaning of the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007- October 8, 2020

Public health measures like watching your distance, washing your hands, and wearing a face covering remain very important

- Avoid crowded places, close contact, and closed spaces
- Avoid gathering, and keep 2 m distance from those not in your social circle
- Wear a [face covering](#) (cloth mask, non-medical mask) when running essential errands where you'll be indoors
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick, feel unwell, or [have symptoms](#) of COVID-19
- A free [app](#) is available to inform users if they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus – you can [learn more here](#)

Guidance Documents

The [Ministry website](#) was last updated October 9, 2020

- Retirement Home COVID-19 Visiting Policy (October 5, 2020) Effective October 13, 2020
- COVID-19: visiting long-term care homes (October 5, 2020) Effective October 7, 2020
 - Starting Wednesday, October 7, 2020, general visitors will not be allowed in long-term care homes in the following communities. Only essential visitors, including up to one caregiver per resident, will be allowed to visit. If the home is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 the local public health unit will provide direction on further visitor restrictions and other measures.
- CMOH Directive #5 (1 Oct 2020)

See the following are noteworthy updates to the MOH: [Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario October 9, 2020 \(version 9.1\)](#) :

- Guidance on PHU responsibilities for contact management – page 7
 - Contact management indicators – page 13
 - Case isolation period based on updates to Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance – page 15 and 16
 - Guidance to contact management – page 24
 - Subsequent contact follow-up – page 26
 - Table 8: Contact Self-Isolation and Self-Monitoring by Risk Level – page 35 to 37
- *The CD Unit: COVID-19 Recommended Public Health Follow Up for CHNs v3 will be updated to reflect changes corresponding to the document

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of October 13th, 2020, we have 90 First Nations confirmed cases and 7 non-First Nations confirmed cases. We currently have 9 active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 6,964 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR.
- A grand total of 16,810 tests (including tests done in SLFNHA and WAHA areas).
- The province reported 649 cases of coronavirus on Sunday October 11th, 2020. Peel Region led the way in terms of having the largest number of daily cases per public health unit: 157 in Peel, 140 in Toronto, 87 in York Region and 54 in Ottawa. The total number of people who have died of COVID-19 in Ontario now stands at 3,005. More women than men have died of the novel coronavirus. Most deaths (69%) occurred in the 80 and over age range.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

CD Unit: COVID-19 Follow-up Case & Contact Checklist

- Two separate tools (one for case follow up and one for contact follow up) created to help guide an interview with a case of COVID-19, while outlining the recommended public health steps for case and contact management
- The forms will be available on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)

Pandemic Plans

- As Ontario enters the second wave it is important to make sure that pandemic plans have been reviewed and updated
- Pandemic Plan Tool kit can be found on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)

2020-2021 UIIP (Influenza Vaccination) Mandatory Education Season

- This webinar will review the 2020-2021 Universal Influenza Immunization Program (UIIP) focusing on this year's influenza vaccine products and its administration, contraindication and precautions, anaphylaxis management, vaccine handling and storage and documentation
- **All 'live' sessions have been offered for the 2020-2021 season.**
 - For those who have missed either session, you can watch a recorded version on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)
- **For participants who still would like to obtain their Influenza vaccination (newly certified),** you will need to watch the proper recording on Onehealth.ca and successfully pass the Influenza Administration Certification Exam

Certification Process:

Newly Certifying FNIHB, Band & HCC Nurses	Previously Certified FNIHB, Band and HCC Nurses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must attend one of the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Webinars listed below or watch the recorded version on Onehealth.ca• Successfully pass the Influenza Administration Certification Exam• Upon successful completion of the Influenza Administration Certification Exam, the nurse will be able to administer the influenza vaccine as per the Medical Directive: <i>Authority to Provide Influenza Immunizations by Band Employed Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses Working in First Nation Communities in Ontario Region</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must attend one of the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Webinars listed below or watch the recorded version on Onehealth.ca• After attending a UIIP Mandatory Education Session or watching the recorded session, nurses can then offer the Influenza immunization to clients in accordance with the Medical Directive: <i>Authority to Provide Influenza Immunizations by Band Employed Registered Nurses and Registered Practical Nurses Working in First Nation Communities in Ontario Region</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For further details related to the 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Mandatory Education, please contact the Immunization file holder Nicole Johnstone nicole.johnstone@canada.ca	

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

- COVID19 General Inquiry Email: sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca

Next teleconference:

Tuesday Oct 20th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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