

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

Sept 15th, 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
- All of the province is in [Stage 3](#) of reopening, but on 08 Sep the province announced a “pause” of 4 weeks on further reopening
- A free [app](#) is available to inform users if they may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus – you can [learn more here](#)

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
- Opening your ‘[social circle](#)’ to up to 10 people may be considered – these are people you can have close contact with – keep 2 m 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 – some areas of Ontario require you to wear a face covering – find more information about how masks help [here](#) and [here](#)
- Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick, feel unwell, or [have symptoms](#) of COVID-19

Guidance Documents

The [Ministry website](#) was last updated 09 September 2020

- [Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario](#) V9.0 (08 Sep 2020)
 - Case management, information of serology testing (p.13)
 - Guidance on case isolation period, including asymptomatic cases (p. 15-19)
 - Negative repeat test results (p.15-19)
 - Case recovery and post-clearance information (p.21-22)
 - Management of cases after clearance (p.23-24)
 - Updates on the use of non-medical masks (p.34)
 - Additional information on asymptomatic travelers (p.38 & 39)
- [Reopening Retirement Homes](#) (08 Sep 2020; effective 15 Sep 2020)
 - Intended to supplement Directive #3 and considers safety, emotional well-being, equitable access, flexibility, and equality
 - Describes roles and responsibilities, types (categories) of visitors, and their access to homes as well as requirements for screening, PPE, management of safe visits, and non-adherence by visitors
 - Requirements for absences, new and re-admissions, group activities, tours are also outlined

Public Health Ontario (PHO) has basic online modules for [COVID-19 IPAC Fundamentals](#), which support clinic staff, non-clinical staff, families, caregivers, and inspectors (updated 02 Sep 2020)

Public Health Ontario Lab ([PHOL](#)) has updated information, including [FAQs](#), on [PCR collection kits](#) and lab testing for COVID-19

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi Report

- As of September 14th, 2020, we have 65 confirmed cases. Of those cases, 62 or 95% have resolved. We currently have one active case.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 5,407 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 1,112 tests (21%) are pending and 4,230 tests (78%) are negative.
- A grand total of 12,808 tests (including 5,369 tests from SLFNHA and 2,032 tests from WAHA).
- As of September 13th, there were 44,817 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ontario. That is an increase of 313 confirmed cases which is the largest increase since early June. This represents a 53% increase.
- 78% of the cases are from three regions, with 112 in Toronto, 71 in Peel and 60 in Ottawa. Two thirds of the infections detected were in people under the age of 40.

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

2020-2021 UIIP (Influenza Vaccination) Season: Information Coming Soon!

- The CD Unit receives guidance related to the Universal Influenza Immunization Program from the Ministry of Health (MOH). Once the MOH releases information related to the 2020-2021 season, the CD Unit will distribute this information broadly and offer the annual UIIP education sessions for nurses

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

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

Next teleconference:

Tuesday September 22nd at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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