

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

August 25th, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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COVID-19 in Ontario

- The provincial [state of emergency](#) has ended, but [legislation](#) is in place to support the response to COVID-19
- All of the province is in [Stage 3](#) of 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

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi report

- As of August 24th, 2020, we have 64 confirmed cases. Of those cases, 62 or 97% have resolved. We currently have no active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 4,693 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 922 tests (20%) are pending and 3,707 tests (79%) are negative.
- A grand total of 9,754 tests (including 3,406 tests from SLFNHA and 1,655 tests from WAHA).

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

Mass Immunization & Immunizing During a Pandemic

- Below are resources and updates available to support inquiries which have come forward in regards to mass immunization clinics and offering immunizations during a pandemic
 - **Mass Immunization:**
 - Attached to the email is the Mass Immunization Guide from 2012, which can also be found on Onehealth.ca at: [Public Health Unit • Communicable Disease Unit • About Immunization • Immunization Resources & Fact Sheets](#)
 - An updated resource is in development from National region to support CHNs and communities related to mass immunizations. When the final version is available, it will be shared to CHNs and available on Onehealth.ca. Educational sessions will also be offered to support CHNs to review the document and mass immunization process
 - **Vaccination clinics during a pandemic:**
 - Attached is a memo sent out in April regarding immunization services during COVID-19 response that provides guidance and insight on vaccinating
 - It can also be located on onehealth.ca under [Public Health Unit • Communicable Disease Unit • COVID-19 \(Novel Coronavirus\)](#)
 - PHAC also has: Interim guidance on continuity of immunization programs during the COVID-19 pandemic: <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/immunization/national-advisory-committee-on-immunization-naci/interim-guidance-immunization-programs-during-covid-19-pandemic.html>
 - CHNs will be made aware when additional information is available and educational sessions will also be offered to support CHNs

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 this information broadly and offer the annual UIIP education sessions for nurses

Follow up to Last Week's Question for Clarification: "Discontinuation of Self-isolation for the Contacts"

- Last week there was a question surrounding the interpretation of the discontinuation of self-isolation for contacts in relation to the [MOH: COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#) (p 3) and the 'FNHIB-OR: CD Unit COVID-19 Recommended Public Health Follow Up for CHNs' (p3)
- Below is a breakdown between the differences between the two scenarios.
 - If a contact of a case is tested and tests negative, we would still recommend that the contact complete their 14 day self-isolation. We would recommend the contact is retested if they become symptomatic
 - If a person who was considered a probable case or who was considered a person being tested with a high risk exposure (but their person is not a confirmed case) was then found to test negative, that person would still continue their self-isolation but *their* contacts would be able to discontinue and continue self-monitoring only
 - **If additional clarification is needed, CHNs are encouraged to reach out to their area Communicable Disease Nurse for support**

Contact

General inquiry email set up for community leadership

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

Next teleconference:

Tuesday September 1st at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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