

## CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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### COVID-19 in Ontario

- The provincial [state of emergency](#) has ended, but [new legislation](#) is in place to support the response to COVID-19
- Most of the province is in [Stage 3](#) of reopening with the [exception of Windsor-Essex](#) County Health Unit which will move to Stage 3 tomorrow, 12 August 2020
- 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](#) that could be COVID-19

### Guidance Documents

The [Ministry website](#) was last updated 07 August 2020

- The [Case Definition](#) was updated 06 August 2020 to include information on serology testing
- COVID-19 [Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#) V7.0 (06 August 2020)
  - Includes new information on serology testing and updated guidance on testing asymptomatic people and targeted asymptomatic testing campaigns
- COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms V6.0 (06 August 2020)
  - Updates the section on multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C) including links to the WHO and CPSP case definitions
- [Appendix 8](#): Cases with Positive COVID-19: Serology Results and Management of Cases with Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) Temporally Associated with COVID-19
  - This is a new document to support the public health management of serology testing and MIS-C
  - For [more information on serology testing](#), please see the Public Health Ontario Laboratory (PHOL) website
  - [Serology use is very limited](#) in Ontario and at this time may only be indicated for investigation of suspected cases of MIS-C or with advance PHO microbiologist approval, for those with severe illness who have tested repeatedly negative by PCR, and where serology results would be a helpful adjunctive tool for clinical/public health action and decision making
- [Schools](#) in Ontario will reopen in September for in-person classes; the province has provided further guidance on how this will happen for elementary and secondary schools
  - Guide to [Reopening Schools](#)
  - What to expect for elementary and secondary [school](#)
  - [Technical briefing](#) slide deck

### **COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi report**

- As of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, we have 64 confirmed cases. Of those cases, 61 or 95% have resolved. We currently have one active case.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 4,240 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 853 tests (20%) are pending and 3,323 tests (78%) are negative.
- A grand total of 7,847 tests (including 2,302 tests from SLFNHA and 1,305 tests from WAHA).

### **Environmental Public Health Officers (EPHO)**

- Environmental Public Health Officers continue to work remotely with communities but can provide in-person inspections, on request
- Currently, some community daycares and schools are preparing to open and have asked for EPHO support in the planning process

### **FNIHB CD Unit Activities**

#### **CD Unit: COVID -19 Recommended Public Health Follow Up v2 (8 AUG 2020)**

- A tool developed to assist with the review of public health case and contact management as per the [Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario v8](#)
- This resource also highlights contact tracing, risk levels and recommendations
- The revisions reflect recent changes to the provincial documents
- Highlights of the changes include:
  - Removal of medium-risk level: includes low-risk and high-risk level of exposure only
  - New label “re-positive”: Cases that have tested positive for COVID-19 after being cleared from a previous positive result are identified as ‘re-positive’
  - Testing and re-testing recommendations and considerations

\*The revised document will be posted on [Onehealth](#) > Public Health Unit > Communicable Disease Unit > COVID-19

\*\*\* SLFNHA communities, please continue to follow the established processes and documents set out by SLFNHA

#### **Upcoming Education: Environmental Cleaning & Disinfecting and PCRA Tool**

- A webinar to review the Environmental Cleaning and Disinfecting for Ambulatory Setting during the COVID-19 pandemic and the COVID-19 Point-of-Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) tool. The webinar is geared towards CHNs, CHRs, Environmental Cleaning staff or other allied health care workers.
  - Dates include:
    - Wednesday Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00 am EST / 8:00 – 9:00 am CST
    - Thursday Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST/ 11:00-12:00 CST
- \*A recording of the presentation will be posted on [Onehealth.ca](#) for those unable to attend these sessions
- \*Additional sessions maybe arranged as needed

#### **Universal Influenza Immunization Program Uptake Evaluation**

- In advance of the 2020-21 Influenza Season, we are reviewing the messaging that has gone out in years prior to determine what has worked well and what hasn't regarding advertising for the Universal Influenza Immunization Program
- To assist with evaluating the messaging and strategies at the community level, please click on the link below to complete the 6 question survey. Please document your community in the Comments section

Link to survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9DJ9RRZ>

The survey will close on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **Contact**

- General inquiry email set up for community leadership
  - COVID19 General Inquiry Email: [sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca](mailto:sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca)

### **Next teleconference:**

Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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