

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

July 28th, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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COVID-19 in Ontario

- [Emergency orders](#) are renewed to at least 29 July 2020
- The provincial [state of emergency](#) has ended, but [new legislation](#), the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act*, is in place to support the orders, and facilitate restrictions moving forward
- Most of the province moved to [Stage 3](#) on Friday 17 July, and [seven additional regions moved to Stage 3](#) Friday 24 July
 - Most businesses, public spaces, and services are able to [reopen](#) in areas in Stage 3 with some exceptions
 - The following will not yet reopen: amusement parks, water parks, overnight stay camps, dancing at restaurants, karaoke, prolonged contact sports, and buffet style food services
 - Gatherings of up to 50 people inside and 100 people outside are possible in Stage 3 with physical distancing and public health measures in place
 - Religious services, weddings, and funerals will remain at 30% capacity of the venue
 - The following [three regions](#) will remain in Stage 2, with the date to move to Stage 3 still to be determined: Peel Public Health; Toronto Public Health; and Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

It is still advised to **avoid crowded places, close contact, and closed spaces** even as the province reopens

Public health measures like physical distancing, hand hygiene, wearing a face covering, and respiratory etiquette remain very important

Avoid crowded places, close contact, and closed spaces as much as possible

- Stay home except for essential errands and outdoor exercise, and stay 2 metres from other people when you go out
 - Opening your '[social circle](#)' to up to 10 people may be considered – these are people you can have close contact with
- 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](#) is updated regularly (last updated 23 July 2020 with the Reopening Retirement Homes (22 July 2020) document and Resuming Visits in Long-Term Care Homes (15 July 2020) document).

- [Reopening Retirement Homes](#) (updated 22 July 2020)
 - Describes the timeline, activities, and requirements for the gradual reopening of retirement homes
 - Outlines requirements to support visitors and absences of residents (to support residents leaving to shop, visit, attend appointments)
- [Update to Visits at Long-Term Care Homes](#) – outlines how to support continued gradual resumption of visitors to LTC from 10 June 2020 direction
 - Effective 15 July 2020 outdoor visits may occur with two visitors at one time, following restrictions and guidance
 - Effective 22 July 2020 indoor visits may occur with two visitors at one time, following restrictions and guidance

- The [online self-assessment](#) V3.8 (updated 24 July 2020) clarifies symptoms, updated social gathering information, and added testing information.

For additional helpful information, including guidance and best practice information as well as fact sheets and infographics, please visit the [PHO](#) site

- [Focus On COVID-19 in Dental Settings](#) (24 July 2020) – provides information from a scan of available guidance related to best practice in dental settings, including the risk of AGMP in dental care

For the most up-to-date lab information, please check the [PHOL site](#) (last updated 23 July 2020)

Other websites also provide helpful guidance, including the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and Government of Canada sites

- PHAC - [Going out: Personal and social activities during the COVID-19 pandemic](#) (24 Jul 2020) – information on risks and risk mitigation for individuals and families

COVID-19 FNIHB-OR Epi report

- As of July 27th, 2020, we have 63 confirmed cases. Of those cases, 59 or 94% have resolved. We currently have two active cases.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths.
- In total, 3,797 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 697 tests (18%) are pending and 3,037 tests (80%) are negative.
- A grand total of 6,445 tests (including 1,571 tests from SLFNHA and 1,077 tests from WAHA).

FNIHB CD Unit Activities

- COVID-19 Point of Care Risk Assessment (PCRA)
 - The PCRA resource is specific to COVID-19
 - Highlights the assessing the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and other infectious diseases when interacting with a given patient in a given situation
 - Choosing the appropriate IPAC actions to minimize the risk of exposure and transmission, including routine practices and additional precautions
- Environmental Cleaning & Disinfecting for Ambulatory Settings During COVID-19 v2
 - Version 2 has been released, updating the original sent out in June
 - This document is to serve as a reference sheet for Environmental Services workers and allied staff to use as a quick guidance
 - Changes include additions to the:
 - Waste Management Section:
 - If a bag is punctured, or has waste spilled on the exterior, place it into a second biohazard bag
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Environmental Cleaning related to COVID-19
 - Cleaning an empty room after a patient with suspected or confirmed of COVID-19

Individual	Setting	Activity	Type of PPE / Procedure
Environmental Services Workers	Examination Rooms (Patient Room/Clinic Room)	• Entering room of patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19	Droplet & Contact Precautions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical or procedure mask • Gown • Gloves • Eye protection (goggles/face shield)
		• Cleaning an empty room after a patient with suspected or confirmed of COVID-19	Droplet & Contact Precautions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical or procedure mask • Gown • Gloves • Eye protection (goggles/face shield)
		• Cleaning an empty room after an aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP) for a patient with suspected or confirmed of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not enter rooms where an AGMP has been done with someone who has, or may have, COVID-19, until the required time* of 120 minutes has elapsed^{4, 5} *If you know the number of air exchanges for your room, you may calculate the appropriate time. If you do not, wait 2 hours (120 minutes) • Use a fit-tested N95 respirator if entry to a room is required before the required air clearance time has lapsed • Ensure additional PPE is worn as indicated, including gloves at a minimum
	General Area (Waiting rooms, triage area, offices and bathrooms)	• General cleaning of areas within health facility, with no known contact of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves • Additional PPE as per facility recommendations as required

- 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:
 - Friday July 31st, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST/ 11:00-12:00 CST
 - Wednesday Aug 5th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST/ 11:00-12:00 CST
 - Thursday Aug 6th, 9:00-10:00 am EST / 8:00 – 9:00 am CST
 - Wednesday Aug 12th, 9:00-10:00 am EST / 8:00 – 9:00 am CST
 - Thursday Aug 13th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST/ 11:00-12:00 CST
 - *A recording of the presentation will be posted on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca) for those who are unable to attend these sessions
 - *Additional sessions maybe arranged as needed
- Reminder to CHNs to complete the Immunization Practice Support Line Survey
 - To assist with evaluating the current need and future method of immunization practice support, please click on link below to complete the 6 question survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GTZ837>
 - **The survey will close on Friday July 31, 2020**

Contact

- General inquiry email/phone set up for community leadership
 - COVID19 General Inquiry Email: sac.covid-19fnihbontario.isc@canada.ca

Next teleconference:

Tuesday August 4th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST (Have a great long week end!)
Dial-in 1-877-413-4781 Conference ID: 377 0869