

## CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

May 26, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

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### **COVID-19 in Ontario**

- Even though we are in Stage 1 of the province's reopening **public health measures like physical distancing, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette remain very important**  
[https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-1-en-2020-05-14.pdf?\\_ga=2.34767073.1969052157.1589979302-1906750488.1574104341](https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-reopening-province-stage-1-en-2020-05-14.pdf?_ga=2.34767073.1969052157.1589979302-1906750488.1574104341)
  - Stay home if you are not an essential worker
    - Stay home except for essential errands like to a medical appointment or for groceries/medication (and minimise these trips) and outdoor exercise
    - Stay 2 metres from other people when you go out to exercise and run essential errands
    - Consider using a face covering (non-medical mask) when running essential errands  
<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet/2020/05/factsheet-covid-19-non-medical-masks.pdf?la=en>
  - Stay home and self-isolate if you are sick or feel unwell, and self-quarantine (also often called self-isolation) if you were possibly exposed to COVID-19
- Even though the province has started to reopen the province is being cautious
  - Renewal of the provincial state of emergency to at least 02 June 2020
  - Renewal of emergency orders until at least 29 May 2020
  - Schools closed until the fall (on-line learning continues)

### **Guidance Documents for Nurses**

Please check the Ministry website regularly for the most up-to-date documents

[http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019\\_guidance.aspx](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_guidance.aspx)

- COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms V5.0 (25 May 2020)
  - Explanation that the presentation of multisystem inflammatory vasculitis in children may include persistent fever, abdominal pain, conjunctivitis, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) and rash
- Additional Direction on Testing Strategy - Memo (24 May 2020)
  - In addition to COVID-19 Testing Guidance Update (14 May 2020)
    - Symptomatic people – any symptom compatible with COVID-19, even if mild
    - Asymptomatic people – those who are concerned about COVID-19 exposure (for example contacts of a case) and those are at risk of exposure (for example health care workers or grocery store workers)
- Directive #3 Long-Term Care Homes (Updated 21 May and 23 May 2020)
  - Direction for screening, admission and readmissions, PPE and masking, work locations and cohorting, and outbreak and case management
- COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting V5.0 (22 May 2020)
  - Expansion of guidance for in-person care for essential visits and testing
  - Addition of detail on occupational health considerations including IPAC

**Please note** both the [province's](#) and the [ministry's](#) websites are regularly updated, and include information on the status of COVID-19 in Ontario and guidance documents

- Public Health Ontario ([PHO](#)) also provides up-to-date information and information summaries
- For lab information that is up-to-date please visit the PHO lab ([PHOL](#)) website
- The [Onehealth](#) website is also updated regularly

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

- As of May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 end of day, we have 47 confirmed cases. Of those cases, 39 or 83%, have resolved
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been 2 deaths. Both were admitted to the ICU
- In total, 1,345 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 253 tests (19%) are pending and 1,045 tests (78%) are negative
- Of the confirmed cases, 9 were asymptomatic at testing
- No cases are currently in the hospital

## **FNIHB CD Unit Activities**

### **CD Unit: COVID -19 Recommended Public Health Follow Up (13 MAY 2020)**

- Helps review Public Health case and contact management as per the Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario v7
- Highlights contact tracing, risk levels and recommendations

### **CD Unit: List of Persons Being Tested for COVID-19 (11 MAY 2020 v1)**

- For use within communities during enhanced community surveillance or testing of individuals who are meeting testing criteria and not case/probable definitions
- In these circumstances it would replace the Appendix 1

### **COVID-19 Tool & Resource Education: Educational sessions for the newly released tools:**

- This webinar will review tools and resources from the CD Unit in relation to public health follow up for case and contact management of COVID-19, along with required forms associated with case and contact management (Appendix 1-5)
- **Dates/Times:** (Attendees only need to attend 1 of the below session dates/times)
  - ~~Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST / 11:00-12:00 CST (already hosted)~~
  - Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>, 14:30 – 15:30 EST / 13:30 – 14:30 CST
  - Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:00 EST / 09:00-10:00 CST
  - Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 EST / 12:00 – 1:00 CST
- Attendance is not mandatory and will not be tracked
- A recording of the presentation is posted on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca) for those who are unable to attend these sessions
- Additional sessions maybe arranged as needed
  - **SLFNHA Communities:** Education related to the processes for public health management of COVID-19 cases and contacts will be offered through Denise Williams from SLFNHA, Approaches to Community Wellbeing Program, in support of the upcoming transfer of COVID-19 cases to SLFNHA for follow up

## **Contact**

- General inquiry email/phone 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST  
Dial-in 1-877-413-4781 Conference ID: 377 0869