

CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes

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COVID-19 in Ontario

- Renewal of the provincial state of emergency to at least 02 June 2020
- Initial relaxation on some business and outdoor space closures
- Importance of continuation of measures to prevent spread through physical (previously called social) distancing
 - 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)
 - Stay 2 metres from other people when you go out to exercise and run essential errands
- Importance of self-isolation if unwell, and self-quarantine (also often called self-isolation) if there was a potential exposure
 - Closure of a community, or restriction of entry is not sufficient to prevent spread as people (like essential workers) may still be going in and out – also need physical distancing and other measures
- Continued importance of hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and appropriate cleaning and disinfection of surfaces

Updated Provincial Documents ([Check Ministry website for most up-to-date documents](#))

- COVID-19 Guidance: Acute Care V4.0 (10 May 2020)
 - This may not be on the website yet
 - Addition of the outbreak definition in public hospitals and guidance for outbreak detection and management and summary of PPE precautions tables
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Home and Community Care Providers](#) V4.0 (4 May 2020)
 - Revised screening procedures and masking recommendations for care providers
 - http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_home_community_care_guidance.pdf
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Hospice Care V1.0](#) (04 May 2020 amended 07 May 2020)
 - http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_hospice_care_guidance.pdf
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Mental Health and Addictions Service Providers in Community Settings](#) V1.0 (09 May 2020)
 - http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_MHAS_Community_guidance.pdf
- [COVID-19 Screening Tool for Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes V3.0](#) (06 May 2020)
 - http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_screening_guidance.pdf
- [COVID-19 Guidance: Emergency Child Care Centres](#) V2.0 (08 May 2020)
 - http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/docs/2019_child_care_guidance.pdf

COVID-19 Epi report

- As of May 11th, 2020, we have 42 confirmed cases. Of these cases, 26 or 62% have resolved.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic, there has been 1 death in an elder.
- 2 cases are in hospital (1 has resolved and 1 remains in ICU).
- Of the confirmed cases, 8 were asymptomatic at testing.
- In total, 1088 tests have been reported to FNIHB-OR. 174 tests (16%) are pending and 872 tests (80%) are negative.

FNIHB Activities

CD Unit: Updated Summary of PPE Recommendations for COVID-19 v2

- With the recent recommendations from the Ministry of Health guidelines and recommendations regarding IPAC/PPE, the CD Unit has update the Summary of PPE Recommendations for COVID-19 v2
 - These MOH recommendations have already been provided to Health Facilities and CHNs through previous emails
- Updates to the second version include:
 - Universal masking recommendation for Routine Practices for all Health Care Workers (HCWs) as a method of source control. Additional PPE may be required depending on the point-of-risk assessment. HCWs should refer to and follow their own institutional or organizational infection prevention and control policies and procedures on universal masking and PPE.
 - Use of PPE in Community:
 - Regarding wearing a home-made mask, is an additional measure to protect others from your respiratory droplets, such as during a cough and sneeze, in addition to frequent hand washing and physical distancing. It is not proven to protect the person who is wearing the mask.
- The quick reference tables within the document have also been updated to reflect these changes
- This summary is based on the Public Health Ontario IPAC Recommendations for Use of PPE (May 3rd, 2020) and is intended as a quick reference to the minimum expectations for PPE. HCWs should refer to and follow their own institutional or organizational infection prevention and control policies and procedures on PPE.
- Updates will be made available by email and be posted on Onehealth.ca

CD Unit: Updated COVID-19 Screening Tool for Health Centres v2 (Active Screening Tool)

- With the recent changes to the Ministry of Health guidelines and recommendations, the CD Unit has update the COVID-19 Screening Tool for Health Centres (Active Screening Tool)
- This is version 2 of the tool and now aligns with the updated signs and symptoms to screen for within COVID-19 and includes recommendations for preliminary Public Health and IPAC measures based on findings from results
- Updates will be made available by email and be posted on Onehealth.ca

Contact

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

HAPPY NURSES WEEK!

Thank you for all you do for the communities you work in and the individuals you work with.

Next teleconference: Tuesday May 19th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST
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