

## **CD Unit COVID-19 Weekly Teleconference Notes**

April 28, 2020

10:00 EST / 09:00 CST

**Dial-in:** 1-877-413-4781 **Access Code:** 377 0869

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

- Renewal of the provincial state of emergency to at least 12 May 2020; public schools closed until at least 31 May 2020
- Release of a framework for re-opening the province – provides information on what needs to occur to support a staged approach to re-opening when safe to do so

<https://files.ontario.ca/mof-framework-for-reopening-our-province-en-2020-04-27.pdf>

- 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 if you have to go out
- 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

### **Guidance Documents for Nurses**

- Check Ministry website for 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 V1.0 (22 April 2020)
  - One page document of most common symptoms, other signs and symptoms, and atypical signs and symptoms
- COVID-19 Patient Screening Guidance Document V1.0 (22 April 2020)
  - Provides sample questions that can be asked to screen people for COVID-19 and guidance on how to determine a positive or negative screen
- COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting V4.0 (25 April 2020 – Amended 27 April 2020)
  - Includes the expanded, updated list of symptoms and reference to 'COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms' and 'COVID-19 Patient Screening Guidance Document'
  - Gives additional guidance for virtual and in-person care
  - Includes the expanded, updated guidance on testing and testing options, including reference to the 'Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance'

## **New CD Unit Resources**

- **Recommended Public Health Follow Up for Confirmed, Probable & Symptomatic Cases**
  - A tool adapted from the Public Health Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario, version 7
  - Reviews public health process for positive, probable or symptomatic individuals
- **Contact Tracing of Close Contacts Risk Level Exposure**
  - A tool to help break down risk level and public health measures for contacts of cases
  - An algorithm helping identify contacts risk level, along with recommended PH management
- **Community Contact Tracing** (optional for community to implement)
  - An optional community based tool developed to help CHNs identify roles that may be able to support with contact tracing within the community for confirmed or probable cases (such as H&CC, EPHO, PHU, CD Nurse, depending on community and level of nursing support)
- **Community Contact Notification Team** (optional for community to implement)
  - An optional community based tool developed to help with contact notification of positive or probable COVID-19 cases
  - Outlines various considerations within contact tracing such as appropriate roles, confidentiality and privacy, identifying a lead within the team or who will provide education and support

Education will be offered on each of these tools, and information will be shared to help go further in depth of the tools and support any questions

## **Immunization Awareness week**

- Recommendations on Immunization during COVID-19 response
- National Immunization Week campaign

## **Isolation Centres**

- EPHO can assist communities with assessing, identifying, and reviewing isolation centre plans or help answer any questions

## **IPAC**

Videos related to environmental cleaning will be available on Onehealth.ca and links to the videos will be sent out by email. Topics will include:

- [Discharge Vacancy Bed Changing and Cleaning](#)
- [Bathroom Cleaning Regular Patient Resident Bathroom](#)
- [Daily Room Cleaning Regular Room no precautions](#)
- [Room Cleaning Contact Precautions Room](#)
- [Cleaning a Blood Body Fluid Spill](#)
- [Discharge Vacancy Room Cleaning Regular Patient Resident Room or Bed Space](#)
- [Discharge Vacancy Room Cleaning - Contact Precautions Room](#)

**In the event of a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case:**

- During regular hours, CHNs are to contact their assigned CD Nurse and nurse manager
- For afterhours, over the weekend or during a holiday, contact the EPHO afterhours line at **1-855-407-2676**
- Public Health Management Forms for COVID-19 Cases are available on [Onehealth.ca](https://onehealth.ca)
  - [Appendix 1 - COVID-19 Follow-up Form](#)
  - [Appendix 2 - Routine Activities Prompt Worksheet Case](#)
  - [Appendix 3 - Daily Clinical Update Acute Care](#)
  - [Appendix 4 - Client Monitoring Tracking Record](#)
  - [Appendix 5 - Contact Tracing Worksheet](#)

The CD Team will help CHNs navigate through a probable or confirmed case as needed, along with the required forms or any additional questions related to COVID-19

**Communication with Chief and Council regarding a positive COVID-19 case within the community**

- CD Nurse contacts CHN (or NIC), CHN (or NIC) then contacts the Health Director or Chief
- If no CHN available (or unknown), then CD Nurse to contact HD
- If no HD or unavailable, then FNIHB-OR Public Health Physician to contact Chief directly
  - \*No client identifiers are to be provided to the Health Director or Chief and Council to ensure client confidentiality*

**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 May 5th at 10:00 EST / 09:00 CST  
**1-877-413-4781 Conference ID: 377 0869**