

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

To: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, and Midwives
Hospital Infection Control Departments and Emergency Departments

Updated guidance documents and COVID-19 outbreak reporting form are included in this alert.

1. COVID-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge ([EN](#))

Highlights of Changes:

- Household members of patient-facing health care workers eligible for molecular testing and modified language for FNIM individuals (page 3).
- Close contacts who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days (based on positive test results), are not required to self-isolate, as long as they are currently asymptomatic. These individuals are advised to self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days from last exposure and can attend work, including in the highest-risk settings (page 15 & 20)
- Updated flow chart 2 & 3 to indicate that immunocompromised individuals living with a COVID-19 case/symptomatic person should isolate for 10 days from last exposure.

2. Preliminary COVID-19 outbreak reporting form for institutions has been updated (attached).

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