

### IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

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**Several important updates and guidance documents are included in this alert.**

#### **Screening and testing:**

The new [COVID Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance, V8.0, June 25, 2020](#) contains information on diagnosis, management of individuals who have not been tested, approaches to clearing cases as well as return to work.

#### **Management of Cases and Contacts of COVID-19 in Ontario, V.8.0, June 23, 2020:**

This lengthy document has been updated and highlights include:

- Asymptomatic positive individuals are now stratified via pre-test probability based on exposure. Those with high probability are treated as positive cases. Those with low probability are to be re-tested as soon as possible and if the second test is negative they can be removed from quarantine. They are to self-isolate while the second test is pending.
- Repeat testing of resolved positive individuals is only advised after 90 days unless it is clinically indicated due to concerning symptoms with new high risk exposure.

#### **Handout for clients who have undergone testing**

PHO has created this document and has distributed it to RACs for individuals who have been tested for COVID-19. [English](#) version. [French](#) version.

#### **Masks:**

Positive cases and isolated contacts of positive cases should wear medical masks if they need to attend medical appointments (ex: need to be swabbed). No other face coverings should be worn.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local

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