

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

Attached is the updated COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting, v 9.0 – October 19, 2021, [EN/FR](#)

Highlighted changes include:

- Page 2 and Item 7 recommend resumption of in person care where required
- Item 9 references the need for those with prescriptions for controlled substances, such as opioids, to get renewals so that they don't seek their medication from an alternate source
- Item 18 encourages vaccination policies for primary care practices
- Item 25 reviews rapid antigen guidance (serial swabbing instead of one off) and has a link to enter the program
- Item 38 cleaning requirements now reference items that come into direct contact with a patient's skin
- Item 39 now specifies that high touch items like doorknobs should be cleaned.

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