

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

An important update is included in this alert, including an update on asymptomatic testing.

Testing

The Ministry of Health has released an update to [COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update / French version \(V. 8.0 September 24, 2020\)](#) to prioritize those who are at greatest risk, while shifting away from untargeted asymptomatic testing

Updates to this document include:

- Added indications for influenza testing (p. 3)
- Updated guidance on asymptomatic testing (p. 3/4)
- Updated guidance on facility transfers for newborn infants (p. 5)
- Updated guidance on testing asymptomatic cancer patients and hemodialysis patients (p. 13-14)

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