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## IMPORTANT UPDATE ON PDAC and COVID-19

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

Hi colleagues,

I wanted to send out a specific communication on how to deal with people who were at PDAC. I hope this brief algorithm for these specific patients will be helpful on top of the HCP alert and press release that went out yesterday.

Basically, manage those who were at PDAC like we now do with international travelers from average risk countries (ie: countries other than China, Iran and Italy, as of today).

- Attendees who have no symptoms need to self-**monitor** (usual activities but watch for symptoms and avoid crowded public spaces and places where they cannot easily separate themselves from others should they become ill). They do NOT need to be tested nor clinically cleared to be working if they are asymptomatic.
- Attendees who have COVID-19 type symptoms within 14 days of leaving the conference need to be tested for COVID (best if they call ahead to their local ER dept. At present, only ERs are doing testing in our area. This is being actively worked on).
- Symptomatic attendees also need to self-**isolate** until their results are known (stay at home). Asymptomatic family members of people who are being tested do NOT need to self-isolate or be tested while the swab is pending.

**\*\*\* Despite a press leak, the provincial recommendations for PPE during testing have not yet changed \*\*\***

Thank you,  
Glenn

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