

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

Important updates are included in this alert.

The Ministry of Health has released an update to the [COVID-19 Guidance: Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting / French Version \(V.7.0 November 9, 2020\)](#)

Updates to this document include:

- Reference to Ontario Health's document on [Optimizing Care Through COVID-19 Transmission Scenarios](#).
- Importance of in-person care where essential and for those conditions and instances where patients may not benefit from virtual care (Bullet 4).
- Reference to COVID-19 Screening tool for [Children in School and Child Care / French Version](#) (Bullet 14).
- Change from 14 to 10 days of self-isolation following symptom onset, provided that the individual is afebrile, and symptoms are improving (Bullet 14).
- Importance of not delaying assessment and treatment of issues which have symptoms that overlap with those of COVID-19 but are clinically evident of a different diagnosis (Bullet 20).
- Reference to [Considerations for Community-Based Health Care Workers on Interpreting Local Epidemiology / French Version](#) (Bullet 20).
- Reference to [Guidance for Immunization Services During COVID-19 / French Version](#) (Bullet 28).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Timiskaming Health Unit:

Monday to Friday

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

New Liskeard

Tel: (705) 647-4305

Toll Free: (866) 747-4305

Fax: (705) 647-5779

Kirkland Lake

Tel: (705) 567-9355

Toll Free: (866) 967-9355

Fax: (705) 567-5476

After-Hours or Weekend On-Call Number

(705) 647-3033

www.timiskaminghu.com