

IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

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

The [COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update / French Version, V.7.0, August 6, 2020](#) contains updates on:

- Added indication for serologic testing (throughout document)
- Updated guidance on asymptomatic contacts of confirmed cases and targeted asymptomatic testing campaigns (p.3/4)
- Addition of Schools under Guidance for Priority Population (p.11)
- Asymptomatic Testing Highlights:
Asymptomatic contacts of a confirmed case should be considered for testing within 14 days from their last exposure.
 - Contacts who have had ongoing exposure to the case while they have been infectious, or who had similar acquisition exposures as the case should be tested as soon as possible.
 - Contacts as part of an outbreak investigation should be tested as soon as possible.
 - Contacts who were only exposed to the case and who do not share acquisition exposures should be tested at least 5-7 days after their exposure.
 - Asymptomatic contacts must remain in self-isolation for 14 days from their last exposure to the case regardless if their test results is negative.
 - If an asymptomatic contact tests negative and then becomes symptomatic, then they should be re-tested.

[COVID-19 Reference Document for Symptoms / French Version, V.6.0, August 6, 2020:](#)

Updated document outlining the most common symptoms associated with COVID-19.

[Case Definition – COVID-19 / French Version, August 6, 2020](#)

Updated document describes the Probable Case, Presumptive Confirmed Case and Confirmed Case definitions. These case definitions are for surveillance purposes.

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