

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ALERT

August 21, 2020



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.

Screening and Testing

The Ministry of Health has released an update to the [Provincial Testing Guidance](#) / French Version – *not yet available* **V.7.1 (August 14, 2020)**.

The update highlights the removal of the following statement: *“Routine testing of asymptomatic individuals in the absence of an exposure to a confirmed case should NOT be performed, unless otherwise directed by public health.”* Asymptomatic individuals are once again eligible for testing regardless of whether they have a known exposure to a confirmed case.

Daycare Screening Guidance

Attached is a childcare screening form and a childcare algorithm for your information and awareness. Please note these documents are in the process of being translated and are subject to change based on provincial guidance.

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

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