

## IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

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**Updates to important guidance documents were received over the weekend.**

### **Screening:**

The new [COVID-19 Patient Screening Guidance Document V 4.0, June 11, 2020](#) includes several updates including:

1. Revised question regarding travel outside of Canada within the last 14 days (Q2). The out-of-province travel question has been removed.
2. Clarification to determine if PPE was worn properly (Q3).

### **Gatherings:**

**Social gatherings** can be any 10 people from outside your household, but where physical distancing of at least two metres should be maintained.

**Social circles** are no more than 10 people who can interact with one another without physical distancing. No one should be part of more than one circle.

### **Directive #3 highlights:**

Directive #3 pertains to Long-Term Care Homes, Retirement Homes and Congregate Living settings. Visitors to these settings are now required to have an asymptomatic swab within 14 days of the scheduled visit.

### **Lab requisitions:**

As per request from the labs, please ensure to fully complete COVID-19 requisitions and place them in the front pouch of the specimen bag. Also, please ensure specimen pouches are fully sealed. Requisitions must include the following information:

- symptom onset date;
- client symptoms or asymptomatic;
- specimen collection date;
- type of specimen collection;
- correct name and DOB.

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.**

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