

## IMPORTANT UPDATES ON COVID-19

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

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The updated guidance document is included in this alert.

**1. COVID-19 Integrated Testing & Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance: Omicron Surge (Version 3.0) ([EN](#))**

Highlights of Changes:

- Treatment eligibility criteria removed for testing of outpatients for whom COVID-19 treatment is being considered (page 4).
- New sections on rapid antigen test specimen collection and self use and disposal of waste from rapid antigen tests (page 8).
- Updated immunocompromised case isolation recommendations/definition (page 11).
- Additional details for day 6-10 masking requirements (page 13, 16, 18).
- Updated isolation recommendations for household members of COVID-19 cases/symptomatic individuals (page 16).
- Updated isolation recommendations for close contacts (page 17).
- Updated list of highest risk settings to include Home and community care workers, Provincial demonstration Schools and hospital schools (page 20).

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

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