



Memo to ALL Staff

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RE: NEW GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19 TESTING

At this link there is new guidelines for testing for COVID-19 that is self-explanatory. **The previous quick summary document that was prepared was incorrect. The more detailed correct version is at**

- https://www.wrh.on.ca/uploads/Coronavirus/PH_Mgmt_Ont_COVID19.pdf

BEFORE SYMPTOMATIC HEALTH CARE WORKERS CAN RETURN TO WORK WHO PREVIOUSLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

For **Health Care workers** that show COVID-19 symptoms and are in self-isolation they must get **two negative tests** BEFORE return to work. The two tests must be separated by 24 hours.

IN-PATIENTS – FOR THOSE STILL IN HOSPITAL WHO PREVIOUSLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

For in-patients **who are still in hospital** and are being treated as a possible COVID-19 patient they need to have two negative tests separated by 24 hours before being considered out of droplet contact isolation.

IN-PATIENTS - FOR THOSE THAT CAN BE DISCHARGED WHO PREVIOUSLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Possible COVID-19 in-patients **can be discharged** if no longer requiring acute care and they do NOT require two negative tests before discharge. However, if discharged need to be in self-isolation for at least 14 days post onset of COVID-19 symptoms.

NOTE - IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING PERFORMING MORE THEN ONE COVID-19 TEST ON A PATIENT PLEASE CONSULT WITH IPAC