

# COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

## Update: New case definition, CMOH Directives, PPE requirements, non-COVID-19 reporting

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*Please share with staff*

### COVID-19 Case Definition Updates

- The Ministry regularly reviews its case definition for COVID-19 on its website.
- Changes include clarifying swabbing requirements, simplifying lab confirmation, and eliminating repeat testing to clear certain cases.
- Check often for updated Case Definition and Guidance documents.

### CMOH Directives for HCPs

- **Directive 1**: updates for Health Care Providers.
- **Directive 3**: significant updates for Long-Term Care Homes
- **Directive 4**: updates for Paramedic Services
- **Directive 5**: issued for public hospitals.

### PPE Requirements for Hospitals

- Acute care hospitals should continue to report PPE requirements through the Daily Bed Census only.

### On-Call Process for Reporting Non-COVID-19 Diseases of Public Health Significance

- See attached list of diseases and reporting requirements/instructions:
  - **List of Diseases**
  - **Report Form**

### What you should do:

- Continue to review the Ministry's Case Definition
- Review the updated CMOH Directives
- Use the Daily Bed Census to report PPE requirements
- Continue to submit non-COVID-19 reports to SWPH on-call team