

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Update: Testing, COVID Alert App, ARI Form, Serology, IPAC Process, and Ministry Guidance Updates

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An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health
Please share with staff

COVID-19 Testing Campaign

- As of Aug. 12, there are 60 active confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our region.
- Most cases have an epidemiology link emerging from family/household clusters, workplaces and individuals.
- **Please encourage and arrange testing for patients to help contain spread.**

COVID Alert App

- Canada has a new COVID Alert App. The more individuals who use it, the better it will work for contact tracing. Consider recommending this app to your staff and patients.
- Learn more: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covidalert>

ARI Form from Southwestern Public Health

- [Submit this form](#) to public health if a patient presents with symptoms, particularly if the patient is not pursuing a COVID-19 test.
- A fillable form will follow on the SWPCA website: <https://www.swpca.ca/EMRResource/>

Serology update from Public Health Ontario

- New information and requisition is [available here](#) for COVID-19 serology.
- This is not to be used as a diagnostic tool, but serology may be considered in some circumstances.

IPAC Process Guidance

- [The attached diagram](#) outlines IPAC process guidance for medical and non-medical organizations to reference when they need support.

Updated Ministry Guidance documents

- [Provincial Testing Guidance](#) (updates: indications for serologic testing, asymptomatic testing campaigns, schools for priority populations)
- [Reference Document for Symptoms](#) (updates: atypical signs, MIS-C symptoms)
- [Cases with Positive COVID-19 Serology and Management of MIS-C](#) (new)