

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Update: SWPH Clinics, COVID-19 Assessment Centres & COVID-19 and Pregnancy

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An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health
Post in staff lounges and share with staff

Cancellation of SWPH Services

- Southwestern Public Health will close most of clinics and classes until April 15, 2020. We will not hold TB skin testing clinics, except for case contacts and immigration surveillance cases, prenatal, breastfeeding, food handling or dental services. Sexual Health Clinics will continue with very careful safety measures in place, except for our Tillsonburg clinic which will be cancelled until further notice. Our Needle Exchange Program will remain in service with additional infection control measures in place.

COVID-19 and Pregnancy

- Society of Obstetrician and Gynecologists opinion on COVID-19 in Pregnancy:
<https://sogc.org/en/content/featured-news/Updated-SOGC-Committee-Opinion%E2%80%9320COVID-19-in-Pregnancy.aspx>

OMA Billing Code

- OMA has approved a billing code H409 at \$170/hour.
Reference: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/ohip/bulletins/4000/bul4745.aspx>

Sessional Fees & Units

- “Eligible assessment centre” means a place designated by the Ministry of Health as eligible for COVID-19 sessional fees.
- “COVID-19 sessional unit” means each one-hour period, or major part thereof, on any day (including weekends or holidays).
- The amount payable for a COVID-19 sessional unit is for all insured services rendered during that hour and for being present in an eligible assessment centre and available to provide such insured services. No other insured services are eligible for payment an eligible assessment centre.

What you should do:

- Use OMA code H409 per one-hour period (sessional unit), or major part thereof
- Direct questions about COVID-19 to 1-800-922-0096 x 9