

# COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

## Update: New symptoms guide, updated sector guidance, LTCH screening, maternal and child health, serology

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

### COVID-19 Symptoms Reference

- The Ministry has updated its [Case Definition](#) and [symptoms reference](#).

### Updated COVID-19 Guidance Documents

- The Ministry has updated several of its Guidance documents for COVID-19:
  - [Mental Health and Addictions Service Providers](#)
  - [Acute Care](#) includes the outbreak definition in public hospitals and guidance for outbreak detection and management.
  - [Hospice Care](#) for palliative and end-of-life care in residential hospice settings.
  - [Emergency Childcare Centres](#) includes revised screening requirements, working with public health units.
  - [Home and Community Care Providers](#) includes updated screening procedures and masking recommendations for in-person (i.e. one-on-one) care services. **This is not aimed at congregate living settings.**
  - [PPE Use During the Pandemic](#) and [Optimizing the Use of PPE](#)

### Screening Tool for Long-Term Care Homes and Retirement Homes

- An updated version of the [Ministry's screening tool is available](#).

### Provincial Council for Maternal and Child Health

- [Maternal-Neonatal COVID-19 Guidelines](#) and upcoming [Webinar](#) on May 15
- [Practice Support Tools for Obstetrics and Neonatal Providers](#)
- [Information for Healthcare Providers Caring for Children & Youth](#)

### COVID-19 Serology

- On May 12, 2020 Health Canada authorized the first COVID-19 serological test for use in Canada, the DiaSorin LIAISON®. Read: [Statement from Health Canada on COVID-19 Serological Tests](#)
- [Immunity Research](#) was also published by the Ontario Hospital Association