

COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Update: Preliminary immunization guidance, PHO Webinar, FLUVID panel for respiratory viruses

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An Update from Dr. Joyce Lock, Medical Officer of Health, Southwestern Public Health

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Guidance for COVID-19 Immunization

- National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) published a statement to outline [preliminary guidance on key populations for early COVID-19 immunization](#)
- The objective is to guide decision-making to plan for the efficient, effective and equitable allocation of a COVID-19 vaccine once it is approved for use in Canada.

Webinar: COVID-19 Preparedness and Management in Primary Care

- Public Health Ontario is hosting a webinar to provide information on best practice guidance to prepare for and manage COVID-19 cases in primary care.
- Complementary Resource: [COVID-19: Infection Prevention and Control Assessment for Primary Care Facilities \(Checklist\)](#)
- **Date: Friday, November 13 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**
- Register online [here](#).

Update: FLUVID Respiratory Virus PCR Panel

- In October, Public Health Ontario announced its laboratory would implement a new multiplex respiratory virus PCR panel, titled "FLUVID", as of November 2.
- FLUVID consists of targets for influenza A, influenza B, SARS-CoV-2, and respiratory syncytial virus (A+B)
- Refer to [this PHO Bulletin](#) for more information and eligibility criteria.