

SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Quick Reference Guide
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To: Primary Care Providers, Emergency Departments, Hospitals, Infection Control Practitioners, Assessment Centres, Long Term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes, EMS
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Please see attached for the revised and updated COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance (v. 5.1) from the Ministry of Health.

Updates from the previous major version include:

- **NEW:** Health care workers who are critical to operations can return to work early (in workplace self-isolation) a minimum of 72 hours after illness resolves.
- Reference to the new Provincial Testing Guidance (details included in WDGPH's April 13 Physician Update).
- Additional information about how a positive or negative test result should be interpreted, depending on the clinical scenario.
- Clarification regarding the criteria for when cases at home or in hospital should be considered 'resolved'.
- Clarification regarding the recommendations for when health care workers should return to work (consistent with WDGPH's April 11 Memo).

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