
SUBJECT: Duty to Report Cases of COVID-19
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To: Physicians, Primary Care Providers, Hospitals, Laboratory Operators, Long-Term Care Facilities, Retirement Homes
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COVID-19 is a reportable disease under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. As with other reportable diseases, the following groups of people are required to report cases to Public Health:

- Physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, optometrists, naturopaths, and other practitioners;
- Hospital administrators;
- Superintendents of childcare centres, long-term care facilities, and other institutions;
- School principals; and
- Laboratory operators.

The onus for reporting is deliberately redundant to ensure that cases are reported as quickly as possible and that no cases are missed.

As the Ontario economy reopens, it is particularly important that cases of COVID-19 are reported as soon as possible to ensure that they are isolated and that their close contacts are promptly traced.

How to Report Cases

Positive results for COVID-19 can be faxed to 1-855-934-5463.

Alternatively, cases can be phoned in to the Reportable Disease Intake Line at 1-800-265-7293 ext. 4752.

For more information, refer to contact or website:

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