
SUBJECT: New Public Health Ontario Test Requisition
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To: Physicians, Hospitals, Family Health Teams, Congregate Settings
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**PHO's [General Test Requisition](#) has been updated.
Please transition to using the updated version before January 1, 2024.**

On September 11, 2023, Public Health Ontario (PHO) updated its General Test Requisition Form. This form is used to order microbiological and serological tests for **most diseases of public health significance**.

The updated requisition can be accessed at:
www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/Lab/general-test-requisition.pdf

[PHO advises](#) all health care providers to transition to the new form by **January 1, 2024** to avoid test delays or cancellations.

What Has Changed?

- Ordering Health Care Provider section has been reformatted to better capture contact information for the submitter, as well as contacts to be copied (i.e., laboratory, public health unit, other authorize healthcare provider).
- Selection options for the following sections of the form have been updated:
 - Patient Setting
 - Testing Indications (previously called Reason for Test)
 - Signs and Symptoms (previously called Clinical Information),
 - Specimen Information (previously called Specimen Type and Site)
 - Test(s) Requested
- New sections and information added:
 - A new Relevant Exposure section to capture exposure information, including occupational exposure/needlestick injury
 - A new Relevant Travel section that captures travel details, including date of return travel (previously under Clinical Information)
 - Hepatitis testing options have been updated in the Test(s) Requested section to include pre-chemotherapy screening and a list of the markers tested.

Other Requisitions

PHO maintains separate requisitions for select tests/scenarios, including:

- HIV serology
- COVID-19/respiratory virus testing
- Prenatal screening
- HBV DNA/HCV RNA

All PHO requisitions are available at www.publichealthontario.ca/requisitions.

Information about specific tests offered at PHO is available in the Test Information Index at www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index.

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