

## Changing the Way We Work (COVID-19) Community of Practice for Ontario Family Physicians – September 15, 2023

### Preparing for the Fall

*\*Resources are current as of September 15, 2023 – subject to change due to frequently updated guidance.*

Community of Practice past sessions and resources can be found here:

<https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice>

Resources shared on today's call:

**\*Clarification from today's Q&A – From Daniel Warshafsky:** “At this time, a positive COVID-19 test results (either PCR or RAT) is still required for dispensation of Paxlovid, which can be provided by a physical test, picture of a result or verbal confirmation of a positive result from the patient.”

#### **COVID-19 Updates – Daniel Warshafsky & Kieran Moore Resources**

COVID-19 testing locations and clinical assessment centres, including PCR testing locator tool –

<https://www.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/>

Resources for health care providers, including information and forms on accessing Remdesivir –

<https://www.ontariohealth.ca/providing-health-care/clinical-resources-education/covid-19/treatment>

Find your local HCCSS branch – <https://www.healthcareathome.ca/find-my-hccss/>

COVID-19 testing and treatment – <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-testing-and-treatment>

To enroll in Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP) to access RATs through the PPE Supply Portal – <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/provincial-antigen-screening-program>

Ontario Respiratory Virus Tools:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/respiratory-virus-tool>

ACES: <https://www.kflaphi.ca/acute-care-enhanced-surveillance/>

**OCFP 2023-24 Respiratory Illness Season Resources** <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/education-practice-supports/respiratory-illness-season-tools-and-resources>

- [Physician Resource Checklist](#): This checklist will provide you with a list of family physician and patient resources available and highlights the information found in each.
- [Resources for Family Doctors](#) Find current information on vaccines, IPAC reminders, planning for high-risk groups to access antivirals and patient education on caring for illness at home.
  - [Physician-Patient Discussions](#)
  - [COVID-19 Testing- Antiviral Treatments for COVID-19 and Influenza](#)
  - [Preventing the Spread of Respiratory Viruses in Patient Care Areas of Your Clinic](#)
  - [Screening for Respiratory Illness](#)
  - [Vaccine Update](#)
- [Screening for Symptoms for Respiratory Illness](#) to help your front office screen patients.
- [Resources for Patients](#): Share these tip and resources on vaccines, antivirals and when and where to seek care.
  - [Make Sure You Are Up-to-date With Vaccines](#)
  - [If You Get Sick: Managing Colds, RSV, Flu and COVID-19](#)
  - [Taking Action to Stay Healthy This Fall And Winter](#)
  - [Are You at Higher Risk of Serious Complications from Respiratory Illnesses?](#)

- Caring for Sick Children
  - [Family Doctor Tips for Teens and Adults with Colds, the Flu or COVID-19](#)
  - [Family Doctor Tips on Caring for Children with Respiratory Symptoms](#) (available in 13 languages)

The OMA has a **Guide to Offering PCR Testing for COVID-19 in Your Office**. Includes links to the requisition and where to order supplies: Available here (gated): <https://www.oma.org/uploadedfiles/oma/media/member/membermappedpdfs/practice-professional-support/coronavirus/offering-lab-based-pcr-testing-for-covid-19.pdf/>

DHDR Sign Up Form: <https://ontariomd.wufoo.com/forms/dhdr-sign-up-form-z1idqtn71jzeac3>

Public Health Ontario's Sentinel Practitioner Surveillance Network (SPSN) <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/health-topics/immunization/spsn?tab=1>

OCFP: IPAC Summary: IPAC Considerations for Infectious Respiratory Diseases (July 2023) - <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/tools-resources/covid-19-resources/clinical-care-office-readiness/ipac-summary-july-2023.pdf>

VaxFacts+ – online booking for patients' vaccine-related questions – [www.shn.ca/vaxfacts](http://www.shn.ca/vaxfacts)

#### CanTreat COVID

- Enrollment underway – to refer your patients (patients may self-refer):
- Phone: 1-888-888-3308 (Monday - Friday, 8 am to 6 pm ET)
- Email: [info@CanTreatCOVID.org](mailto:info@CanTreatCOVID.org)
- Website: [CanTreatCOVID.org/contact](http://CanTreatCOVID.org/contact)
- FAQs: <https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/CanTreatCOVID%20Study%20Info%20FAQ.pdf>

CEP IPAC section (will be updating it presently to include the recommendations for full precautions ) <https://tools.cep.health/tool/covid-19/#ppe-and-ipac-considerations-2023>