



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

Memorandum

Date: February 14, 2020
To: Health Care Partners
From: Melissa Botz, Coordinator, Communications and Emergency Preparedness
Subject: **Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update # 6**

Dear Health Care Partners,

In an effort to decrease stigma associated with the circulating novel coronavirus, the name has been changed to coronavirus disease 2019. The acronym is COVID-19.

New versions of the guidance documents for COVID-19 have been developed by the Ontario Ministry of Health these include:

- Guidance for Primary Care Providers in a Community Setting
- Guidance for Acute Care
- Guidance for Home and Community Care Providers
- Guidance for Long-Term Care
- Guidance for Paramedic Services

These documents are now available online at the Ministry of Health website:

http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/publichealth/coronavirus/2019_sector_guidance.aspx. The Ministry of Health will continue to make updates to these documents as new information becomes available. Please check the website regularly.

There has been changes to Public Health Ontario Laboratory testing recommendations. For detailed information visit <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/wuhan-novel-coronavirus>. As a reminder once a patient screens positive for COVID-19 notify Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) at 613-735-8654 extension 555 during office hours or 613-735-9926 during evenings, weekends and holidays.

The overall risk of disease spread to Canada is considered low.

Please contact RCDHU at 613-735-8654, extension 555, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Melissa Botz

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