

COVID-19
Community of
Practice for Ontario
Family Physicians



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Changing the Way We Work **Testing for COVID-19 and “last mile” vaccination**



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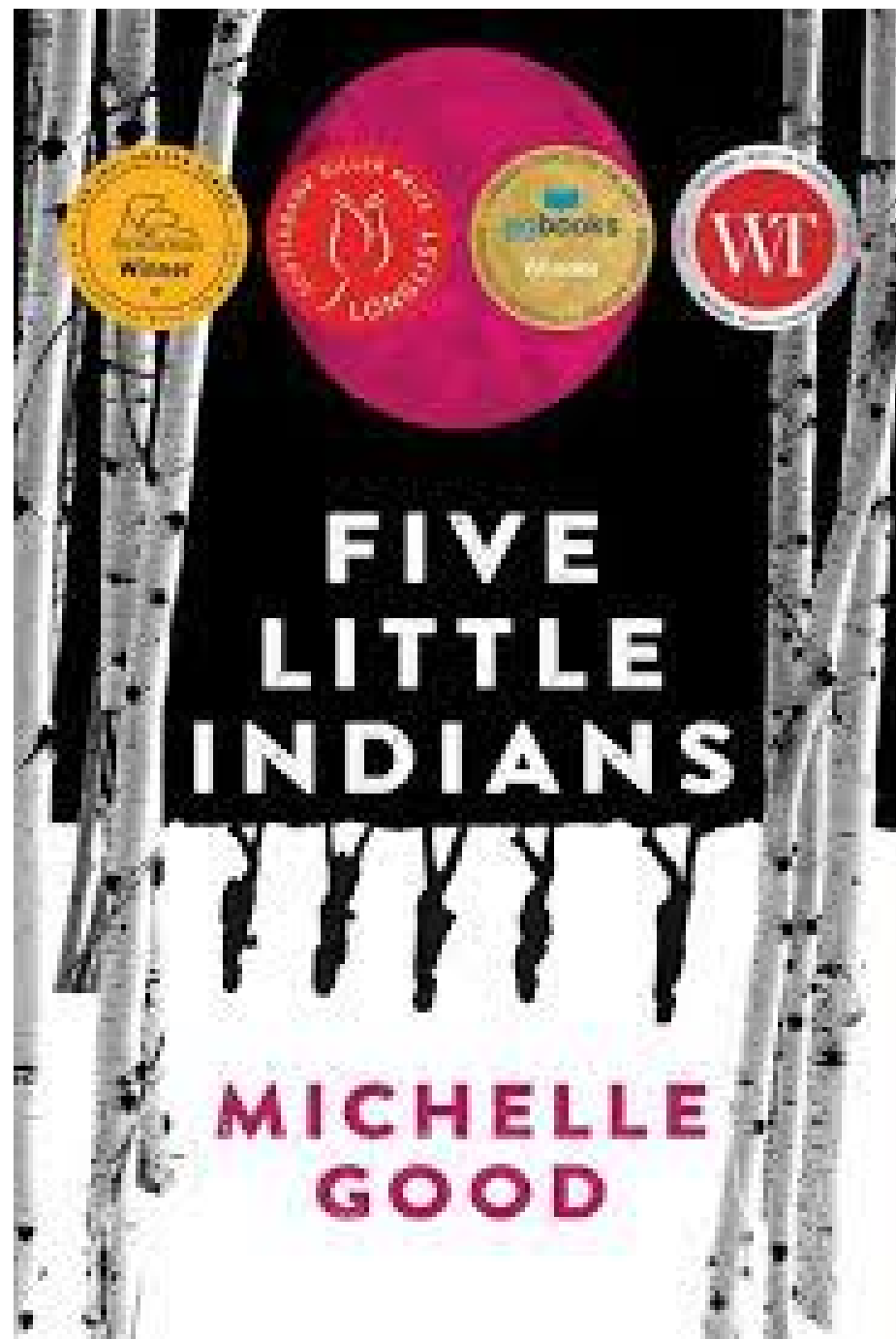
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I invite all of us to reflect on the territories you are calling in from as we commit ourselves to gaining knowledge; forging a new, culturally safe relationship; and contributing to reconciliation.



Changing the way we work

A community of practice for family physicians during COVID-19

At the conclusion of this series participants will be able to:

- Identify the current best practices for delivery of primary care within the context of COVID-19 and how to incorporate into practice.
- Describe point-of-care resources and tools available to guide decision making and plan of care.
- Connect with a community of family physicians to identify practical solutions for their primary care practice under current conditions.

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Previous webinars & related resources:

<https://www.dfcm.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice/past-sessions>



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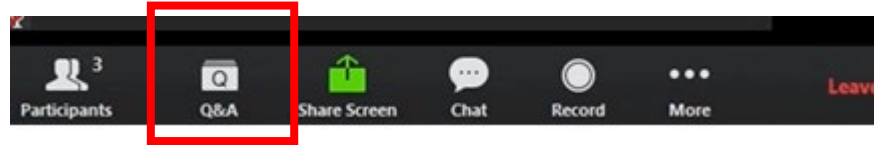
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Where are we from (outside the GTA)?

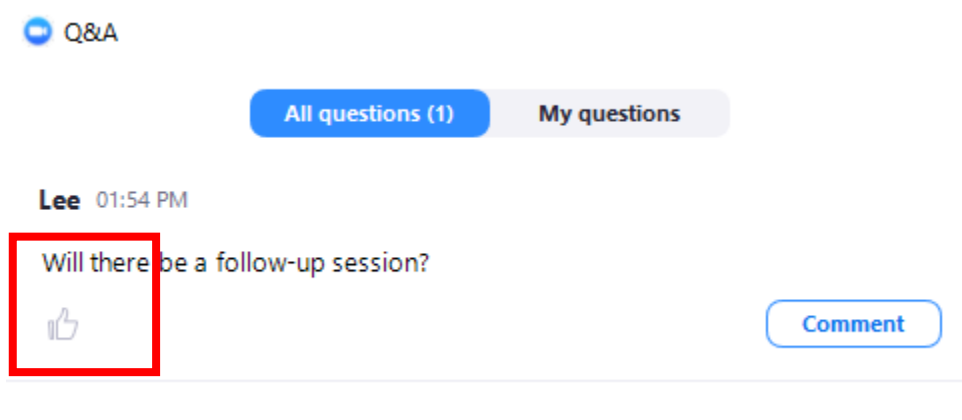


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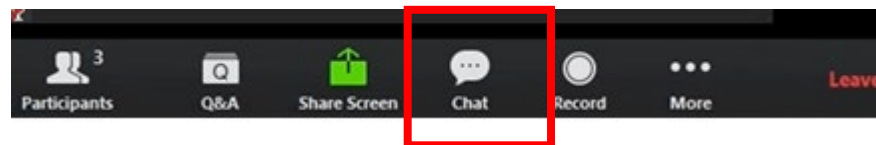
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Primer on COVID-19 testing in primary care

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COMPARISON OF COVID-19 TESTS (performance varies with context)

	MOLECULAR LABORATORY – BASED TEST	MOLECULAR POINT OF CARE TEST	ANTIGEN POINT OF CARE TEST
Description	Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAAT) – e.g. PCR	NAAT – e.g. ID NOW [®]	Detection of proteins. e.g. PanBio [®]
Indication	Diagnosis (primarily) Symptomatic Asymptomatic Contacts	Diagnosis (primarily) Symptomatic Asymptomatic Contacts	Frequent repeat screening of asymptomatic individuals
Test Characteristics	Sensitivity: 80-95% Specificity: >95%	Sensitivity: 70-95% Specificity: >95% Results need confirmation in some situations.	Sensitivity: 50-85% Specificity: >98% Results need confirmation in some situations
Specimens	Hospitalized: Nasopharyngeal (NP) or lower resp (e.g. BAL) Others: NP; throat-bilat nasal; buccal-deep nasal; bilat-deep nasal; saliva.	Hospitalized: NP Others: NP; throat-bilat nasal; bilat-deep nasal	NP; throat-bilat nasal; bilat-deep nasal

SETTING UP LAB-BASED DIAGNOSTIC TESTING IN YOUR OFFICE

- Local laboratories – PHO, Private lab, Hospital lab
 1. What types of specimens do they accept?
 2. Sensitivity / Specificity of their test(s)
 3. Specimen storage/transport specifications
 4. Turnaround time and reporting of results
- Public Health Unit (PHU)
 - Reporting obligations of positive results
 - Access to local testing resources and support
- Colleagues

SETTING UP LAB-BASED DIAGNOSTIC TESTING... CONT'D

- Community:
 - Specimen processing through local assessment centre
 - Specimen processing through local hospital lab
 - Expansion of types of specimens tested at local labs
 - Access to take-home self-collection/drop-off programs

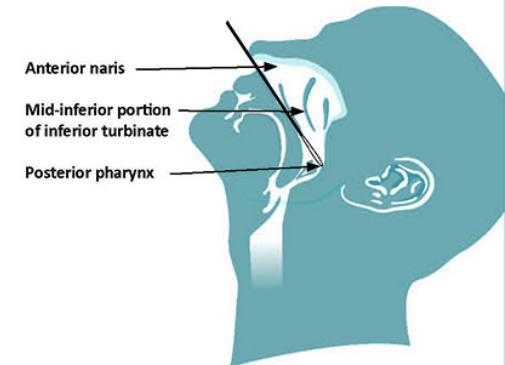
Swab and Saliva kits



Nasopharyngeal Specimen Collection Instructions

Public Health Ontario | Santé publique Ontario

1. Tilt patient's head back 70°.
2. Insert flexible shaft mini-tip swab through nares parallel to palate (not upwards) until:
 - a. Resistance is met, OR
 - b. Distance is equivalent to half the distance from the patient's ear to their nostril.
3. Gently rub and roll the swab.
4. Leave swab in place for several seconds to absorb secretions.
5. Slowly remove the swab while rotating it and immediately place in sterile tube containing transport medium.



In a seated position, tilt the head back at a 70° angle as illustrated in the picture

Ontario

Source: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/laboratory-services/test-information-index/covid-19>

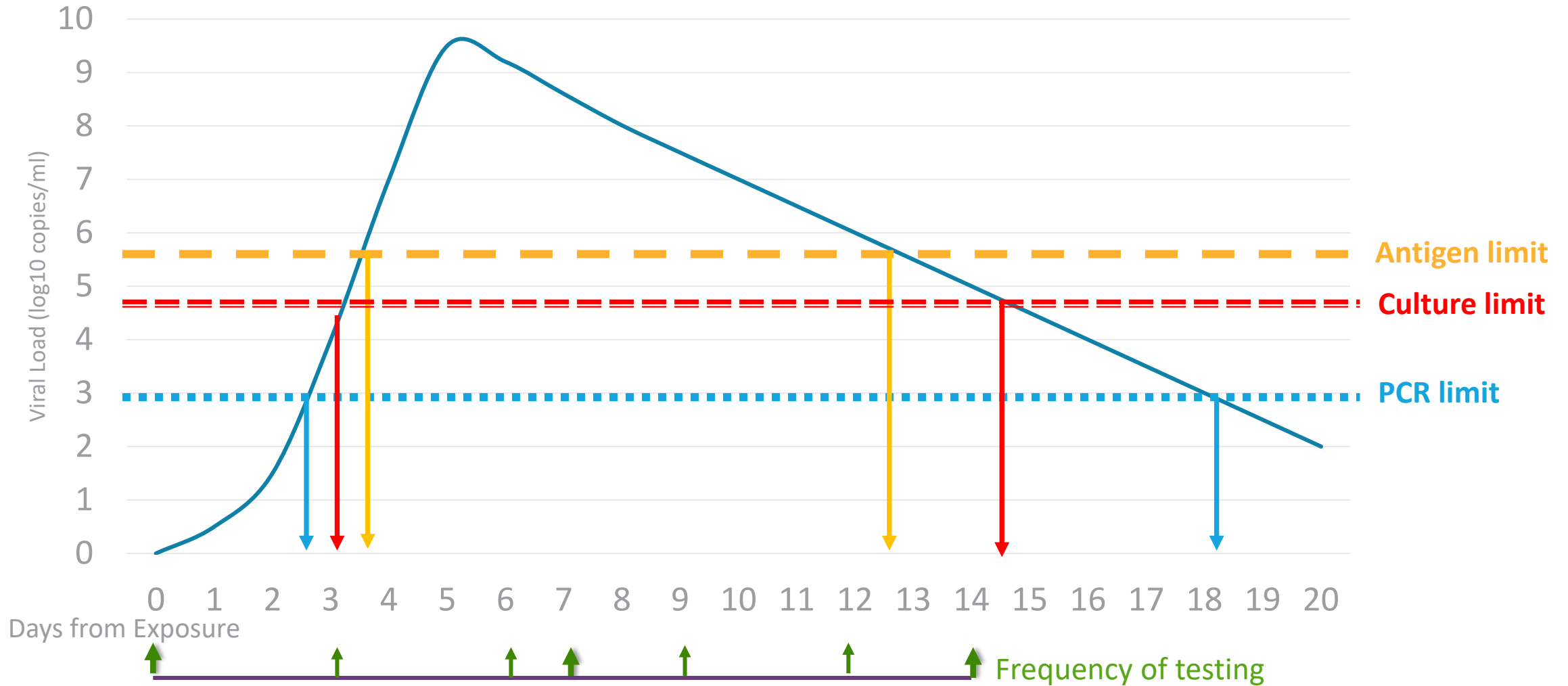
SETTING UP MOLECULAR POINT OF CARE TESTING IN YOUR OFFICE

- Available platform : Abbott ID NOW[®]
- Contact Ontario Health for onboarding: covid19testing@ontariohealth.ca
- Considerations:
 - Community setting
 - Diagnostic test (Symptomatic patients and Asymptomatic contacts)
 - Some cases will require confirmatory lab-based testing
 - Physical space
 - Quality Control
 - Reporting obligations

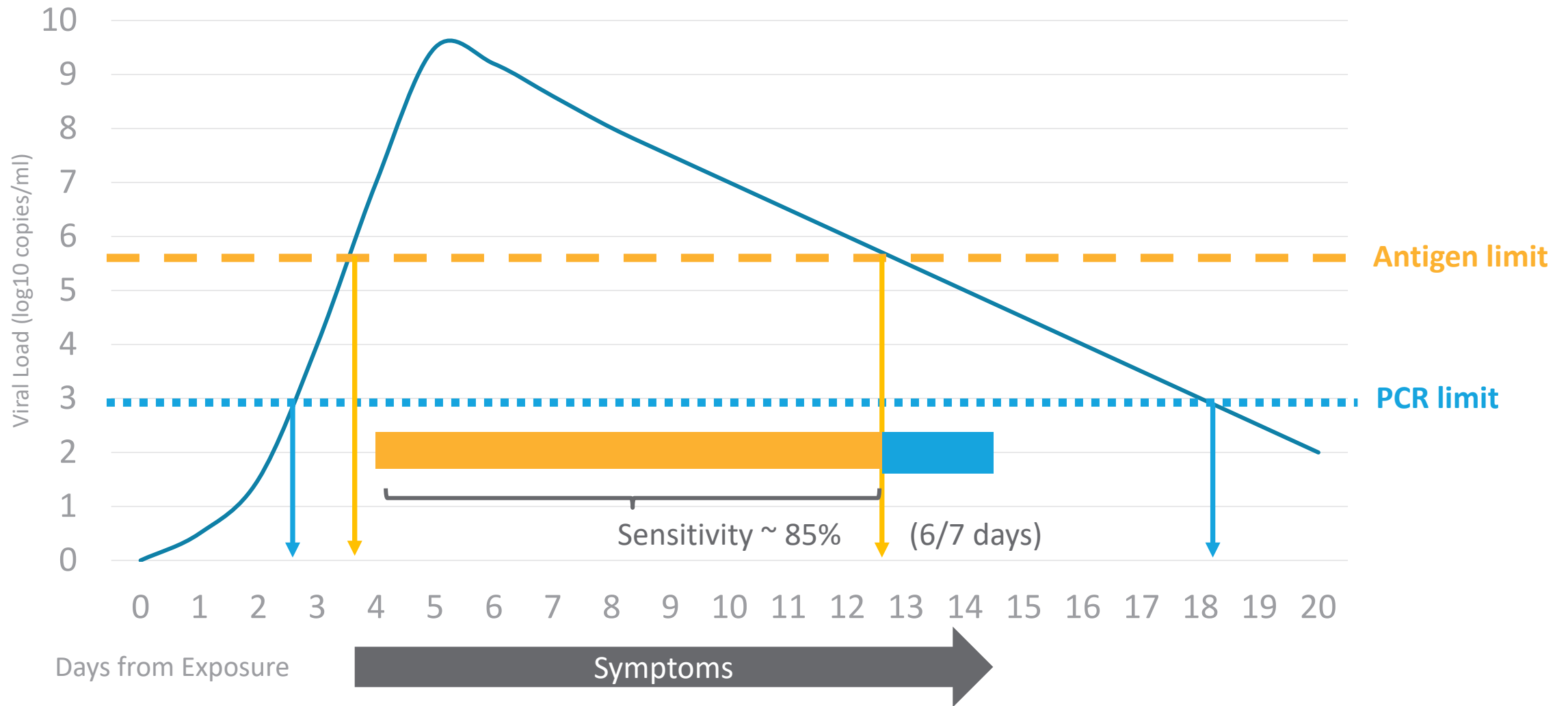
Antigen Point of Care (POCT) Testing

- Deployed as an additional screening tool in Ontario
- Varied use in jurisdictions across Canada/Globally
- Performance varies and is context-specific:
 - Comparator – PCR or Culture, time lag in comparator test.
 - Viral Load
 - Frequency of testing
- Screening tool:
 - Frequent, repeated screening of a population of asymptomatic individuals
 - Frequency: 1-3X week – increased frequency results in a more sensitive screening program.
 - Utility varies with community rates

Antigen POCT Interpretation of Sensitivity: PCR, culture, and frequency of testing



Antigen POCT Interpretation of Sensitivity: Symptoms < 7 days onset



Serology

- Collect > 2 weeks post symptom onset
- Unknown correlation with immunity
- Available at PHO:
 - MIS-C/MIS-A
 - Treatment decisions for monoclonal antibody therapy
 - Other scenarios for Public health/clinical management
- Available at some hospitals/research labs and private labs (\$)

Resources:

- [Provincial Testing Guidance](#)
- [Quick Reference](#)

Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance

This information can be used to help guide decision making on testing and clearance of contacts of cases or individuals suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19. This information is current as of September 14, 2021 and may be updated as the situation on COVID-19 continues to evolve. See the Ministry of Health's [COVID-19 Fully Immunized/Previously Positive Individuals: Case, Contact and Outbreak Management Interim Guidance](#) for management of fully immunized and previously positive COVID-19 cases or contacts and definitions.

All other individuals should follow the standard [Management of Cases and Contacts Management in Ontario](#) guidance.

Who should be tested for COVID-19?

Please refer to the [COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update](#).

Ministry of Health

COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update

V. 13.0 August 25, 2021

This document is an update to the COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance Update issued May 26, 2021. This document also adds to the [Quick Reference Public Health Guidance on Testing and Clearance](#). This information is current as of August 25 2021 and may be updated as the situation on COVID-19 continues to evolve.

Resources:

- [Provincial Antigen Screening Guidance](#)
- [Managing POCT Results](#)

Appendix 9: Management of Individuals with Point-of-Care Testing Results

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Key Updates

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One Small Office



FRONT PORCH



WAITING ROOM



EXAMINING ROOM

**MASK OR FACE COVERING*
REQUIRED**

All persons entering or remaining in these premises must wear a mask or face covering that securely covers the nose, mouth, and chin as required by the Medical Officer of Health under the authority of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) Ontario Regulation 263/20.




Exceptions include people who cannot wear a mask or face covering for medical reasons, or children under two years old, or those who require accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.
Proof of exception is not required.

*A mask can be cloth (non-medical), disposable or medical and a face covering can be a bandana or scarf.

July 7, 2020

Ottawa Public Health.ca/Masks
Ottawa Health Ottawa Santé
513-596-4744
TTY/FAX: 513-593-6656

**100% of the people who
work in this clinic – MD,
medical students,
administrative staff,
psychotherapists,
cleaners – have been
fully vaccinated.**

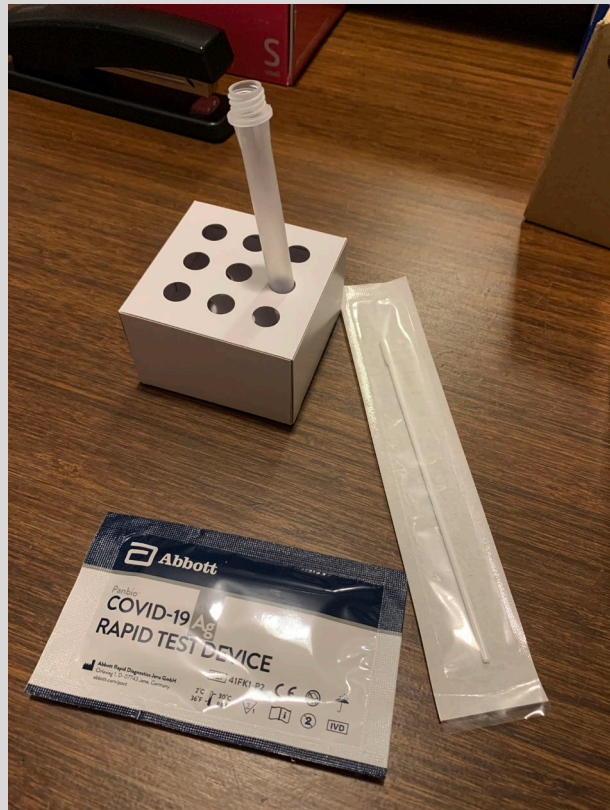


**Everyone should do their
part to protect the
community from
COVID19.**

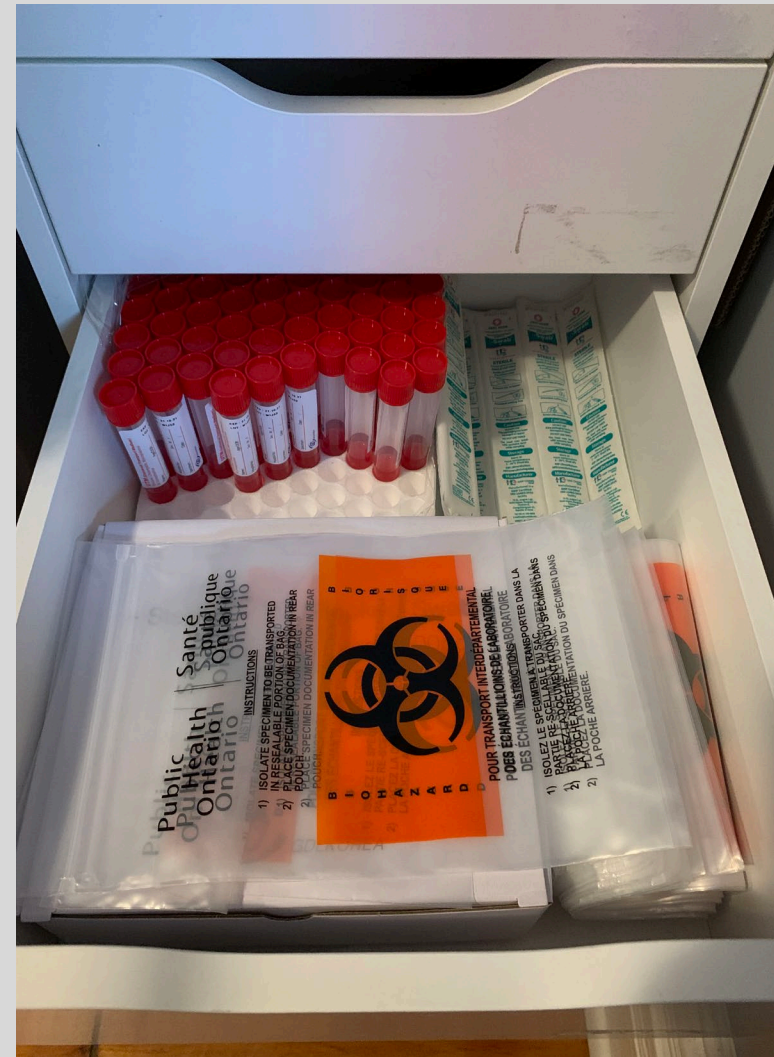
Vaccine mandates for all
staff

Mask mandates for
everyone

Two ways we test

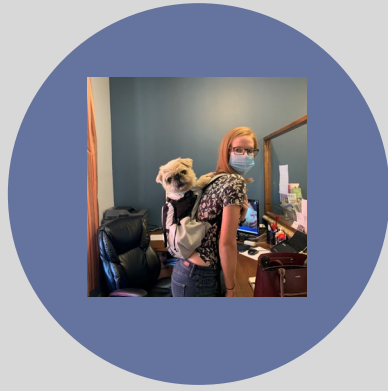


Rapid antigen testing



PCR triple swab

Who do we test?



RAPID ANTIGEN SCREENING
OF STAFF & STUDENTS



RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING OF
ASYMPTOMATIC KIDS



PCR TESTS FOR SYMPTOMATIC
KIDS AND ADULTS

Do-it-yourself kits for kids

The [#CHEO](#) Assessment Centre now offers Do-It-Yourself Test Kits!

- ▶ Parents can choose a date and time to pick-up a kit
- ▶ They're available for kids ages 2 months to 18 years old
- ▶ The self-swab is gentle and easy to do

Learn more + schedule a pick-up:
ow.ly/BdV750GfTAX



Get a Kit for marginalized populations (16y +)



You can now order a free COVID-19 self-test!

GetaKit is operating a pilot study of free at-home [molecular COVID-19 self-tests](#) in Ontario. This is available if you are over 16 years of age AND if at home self-test is safe and feasible for you.

To be eligible for a COVID-19 self-test, you must be:

- Showing symptoms of COVID-19, **OR**
- A contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, **OR**
- A contact of someone who has symptoms of COVID-19, **OR**
- Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour AND have a risk for COVID-19.

[Experiencing symptoms of COVID-19?](#)

Order a COVID-19 Self-Test

Report My Result

getakit.ca

GetaKit.ca/COVID

Step 1
Register online

getakit.ca

GetaKit.ca/COVID

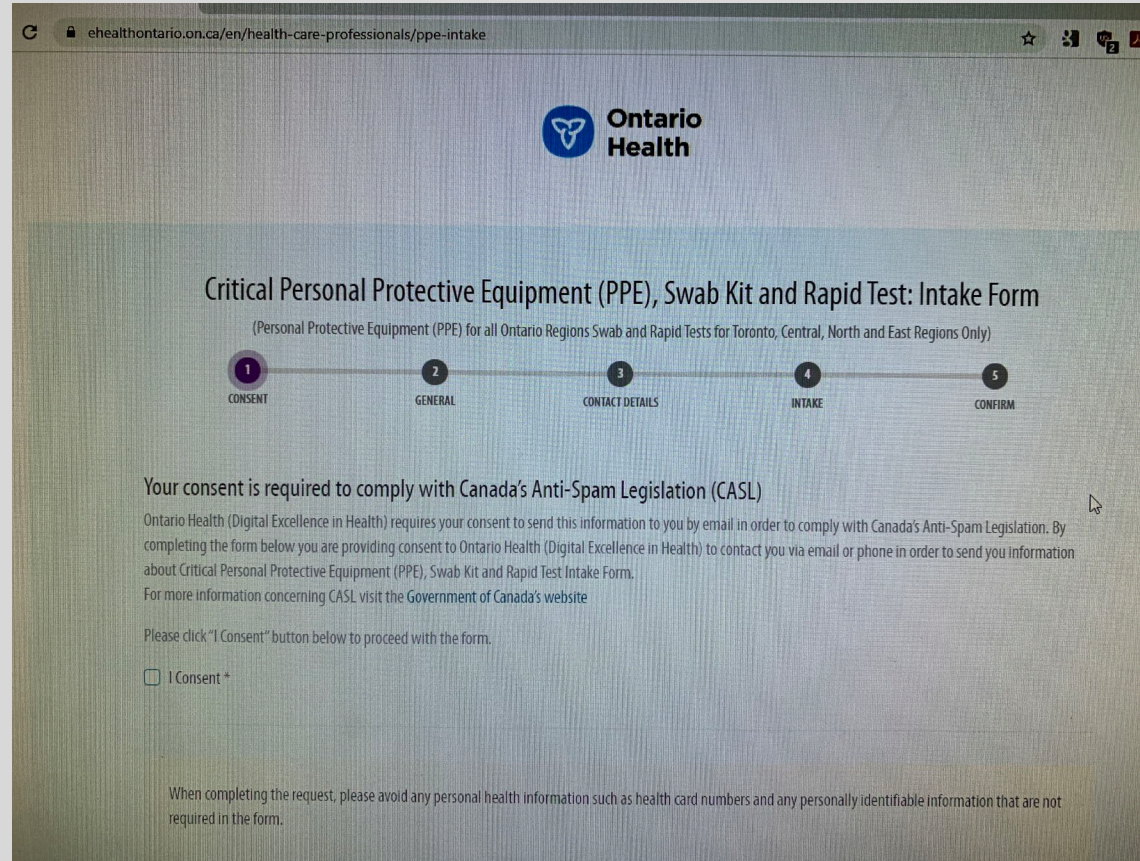
Step 4
Get your result

You can see how the kit is used by watching the short video here:

Lucira COVID-19 Test Kit Dem...

Insert swab tip fully inside each nostril

Ordering PPE, Swab Kits, Rapid Tests



ehealthontario.on.ca/en/health-care-professionals/ppe-intake

Ontario Health

Critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Swab Kit and Rapid Test: Intake Form

(Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all Ontario Regions Swab and Rapid Tests for Toronto, Central, North and East Regions Only)

1 CONSENT 2 GENERAL 3 CONTACT DETAILS 4 INTAKE 5 CONFIRM

Your consent is required to comply with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)

Ontario Health (Digital Excellence in Health) requires your consent to send this information to you by email in order to comply with Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation. By completing the form below you are providing consent to Ontario Health (Digital Excellence in Health) to contact you via email or phone in order to send you information about Critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Swab Kit and Rapid Test Intake Form. For more information concerning CASL visit the Government of Canada's website

Please click "I Consent" button below to proceed with the form.

I Consent +

When completing the request, please avoid any personal health information such as health card numbers and any personally identifiable information that are not required in the form.

Ehealthontario.on.ca/en/health-care-professionals/ppe-intake

HEPA filtration



Come in, get your shot, head out



COVID-19 Saliva Testing Toolkit



https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1uvm3c7kSW_CrdgeYggZGXzdVLRevrauC/edit#slide=id.p1

Order a free COVID-19 Self-Test kit anywhere in Ontario through GetaKit!

Free
COVID-19
Self-Tests
now available

order now at
getakit.ca/covid

Order a COVID-19 Self-test

COVID-19

GetaKit BY THE AIDS Network

The image shows a hand holding a smartphone displaying the GetaKit website interface. The screen features a red button at the top that says 'Order a COVID-19 Self-test'. Below the button is a clock icon and a stylized illustration of a COVID-19 self-test kit. At the bottom of the screen, the GetaKit logo is visible, which includes a lightbulb icon and the text 'GetaKit BY THE AIDS Network'. The background of the advertisement is a solid yellow color.

<https://getakit.ca/covid/>



Conversations in Vaccine Confidence

Lessons from Scarborough's very own, VaxFacts Clinic 🙏🙏

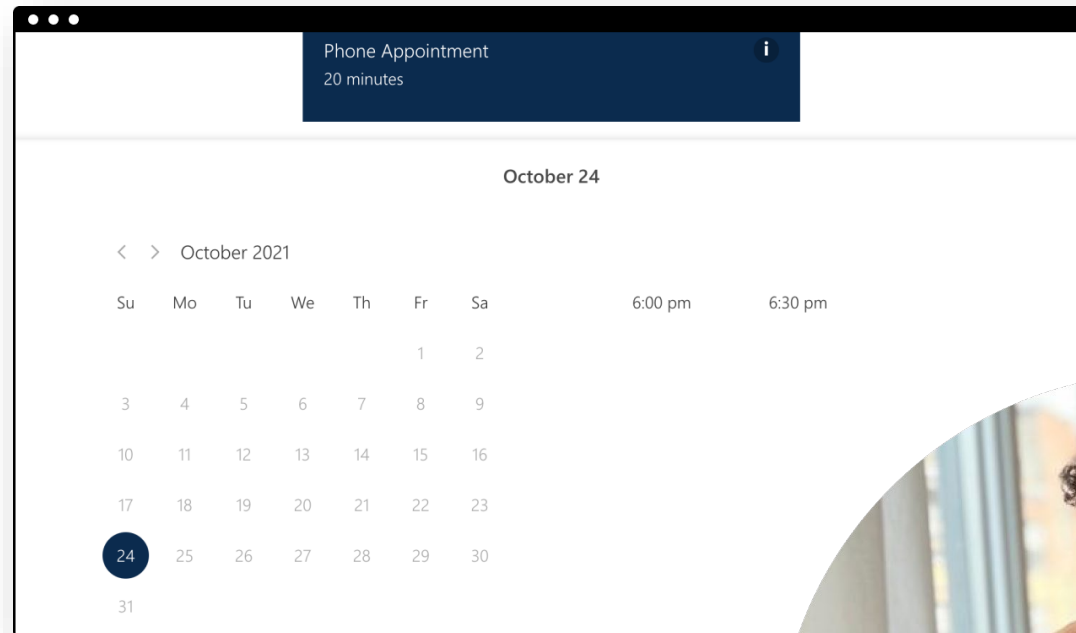
What is the VaxFacts Clinic?

1st of its kind in Canada, physician-led Covid-19 vaccine confidence clinic

One-to-one phone appointment with physician

- Confidential
- Judgement-free
- 20 minutes

VaxFacts is more than the clinic – a **movement** of vaccine confidence and education



Book at shn.ca/vaxfacts directly into physician's calendar



Why VaxFacts Clinic



In Spring, 16 out of 17 postal codes in Scarborough were Covid-19 hotspots

Racialized, front-line workers, multigenerational households

- More likely to get Covid-19
- More likely to be hesitant about vaccine
- Providing dedicated and trusted experts to discuss vaccines

Started off local, kept scaling to meet the needs of the broader community

- Scarborough -> Toronto -> Ontario -> **Canada!**

VaxFacts Stats



VaxFacts Clinic Report

Report As Of:
2021-10-14

	2021 - May	2021 - Jun	2021 - Jul	2021 - Aug	2021 - Sep	2021 - Oct	Total
Total # of Appointments	25	119	100	133	227	131	735
# of Appt from Pts Work or Reside in Scarborough	0	104	64	61	72	14	315
% of Appt from Pts Work or Reside in Scarborough	0.0%	87.4%	64.0%	45.9%	31.7%	10.7%	42.9%
# of Appt from Pts Work or Reside in Ontario	25	119	98	129	224	117	712
% of Appt from Pts Work or Reside in Ontario	100.0%	100.0%	98.0%	97.0%	98.7%	89.3%	96.9%
# of Vaccine Hesitancy Appts	24	77	72	115	195	115	598
# of Successful Vaccine Hesitancy Appts	19	72	66	99	152	78	486
% of Successful Vaccine Hesitancy Appts	79.2%	93.5%	91.7%	86.1%	77.9%	67.8%	81.3%

The VaxFacts Way

1 Health Equity Lens

- Accessibility – 7 days a week, 9am-8pm
- Diverse physician team representative of patient population
- Over 200 languages live interpretation services
- No OHIP required

2 Motivational Interviewing

Motivational Interviewing

Purpose – to strengthen patient’s intrinsic motivation to change

Spirit of Motivational Interviewing

- Partnership
- Acceptance
- Compassion
- Evocation

Motivational Interviewing Skills

- **Open-ended questions**
- **Affirmations**
- **Reflective Listening/Summaries**
- **Elicit-Share-Elicit**

The most common questions



“I’m young and healthy, and the absolute risk of dying from Covid is so low! Why should I get vaccinated?”



“How do we know there won’t be long term side effects?”



“Is the vaccine safe in pregnancy?”

Want to know more about
the COVID-19 vaccine?

Our doctors are
ready to talk with
you and answer
your questions.

Book a one-to-one phone
conversation with one of
our doctors so that you can
make an informed decision:

 shn.ca/VaxFacts

 416-438-2911 ext. 5738

SHN
SCARBOROUGH
HEALTH NETWORK

VaxFacts
CLINIC

New Canadian study helping Family Physicians and NPs address COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among their patients

- ▶ Using **evidence-based communications strategies**, tailored messages are developed in response to patient feedback on reasons for hesitating and sociodemographic factors
- ▶ Messages and surveys are distributed using [CPIN](#), an automated patient outreach and data collection system that collects patient feedback and enables family physicians/NPs to communicate with patients via email or text messages

We are seeking family physicians and NPs to participate in this study!

For more information, please contact the study team at info@cpin-rcip.com



CPIN-RCIP
Canadian
Primary Care
Information
Network

COVID-19 Vaccination - Patient Summary



eReport Portal

PrimaryCareProviderUser1

Log Out

Home SAR Dashboard COVaxON

FAQ

Report Practice Level COVID-19 Vaccination Report

View Report

Practice Level COVID-19 Vaccination Report

Navigation icons: back, forward, refresh, zoom (100%), print, search (Find | Next)

COVID-19 Vaccination - Patient Summary Report

As of: 20-Jun-21

Physician: John Smith CPSO: 123456

Patient Information				Most Recent Vaccination		
Surname	Given Name	HIN	Patient Date of Birth	Dose	Administration Date	Vaccine
Adams	Barry	1234567809	1-Jan-52	2 of 2	14-Jun-21	PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA PB
Collins	Meghan	9012242455	2-Mar-66	1 of 2	16-Apr-21	ASTRAZENECA COVID-19
Khan	Sj	3322522563	4-Dec-84	2 of 2	3-Apr-21	PFIZER-BIONTECH COVID-19 mRNA PB
Lincoln	Margaret	7395803803	5-Oct-72	1 of 2	18-Mar-21	ASTRAZENECA COVID-19
Noor	Shiva	6819493049	6-Aug-01	1 of 1	12-Jun-21	JANSSEN COVID-19
Wu	Francis	8408532145	3-Aug-37	1 of 2	14-Feb-21	MODERNA COVID-19 VACCINE mRNA PB

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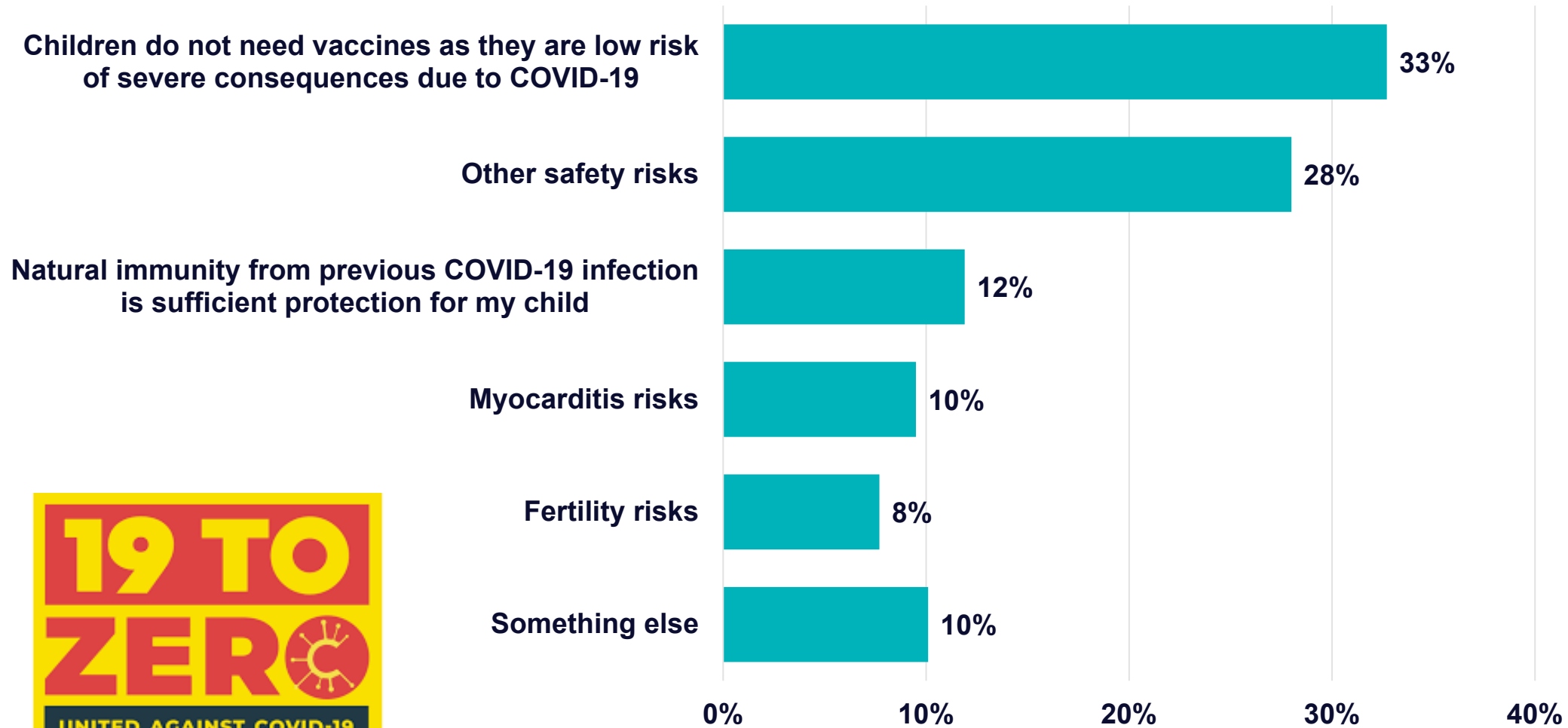
Parents and vaccinating children

- **65.3%** of respondents indicated that they are ready to vaccinate their children ages 4-11
- **15.8%** of respondents were unsure
- **18.9%** do not intend to have their children vaccinated



Parents and vaccinating children

Of those unwilling to vaccinate their children, the following reasons were selected:



COVID-19 vaccine third dose recommendations

To achieve better protection (vs boosting a response that has waned)

- **Vulnerable elderly in high-risk congregate settings**

- Long-term care
- High-risk retirement homes
- Elder care lodges

- **Moderately to severely immunocompromised**

- Active treatment for solid tumour or hematologic malignancies
- Solid-organ transplant and immunosuppressive therapy
- Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR)-T-cell therapy or hematopoietic stem cell transplant
- Moderate to severe primary immunodeficiency (e.g., DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Stage 3 or advanced untreated HIV infection | acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- Active treatment immunosuppressive therapies
 - anti-B cell therapies² (monoclonal antibodies targeting CD19, CD20 and CD22)
 - high-dose systemic corticosteroids (refer to the CIG for suggested definition of high dose steroids)
 - alkylating agents, antimetabolites, or tumor-necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitors and other biologic agents that are significantly immunosuppressive

MOH guidance, Sept. 14, 2021: [COVID-19 Vaccine Third Dose Recommendations](#)

NACI guidance, Sept. 10, 2021: [Additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine in immunocompromised individuals following 1- or 2-dose primary series](#)

Medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination

Four reasons for medical exemptions

- 1. Pre-existing condition** — allergist, immunologist or specialist must confirm individual is unable to receive any COVID-19 vaccine).
 - Medical exemption if severe allergy or anaphylactic reaction to a previous dose or any vaccine component
 - Medical exemption if myocarditis *before* starting mRNA vaccine series (age 12 to 17)
- 2. Contraindications to AZ/COVISHIELD vaccine** — history of capillary leak syndrome, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis with thrombocytopenia, heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, or major venous and/or arterial thrombosis with thrombocytopenia following any vaccine
 - ❑ Complete vaccine series with mRNA vaccine
 - Medical exemption if individual has medical exemption to receiving mRNA vaccine

Medical exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination (cont'd)

3. Adverse events following COVID-19 immunization

- Severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis following a COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Exemption if allergist/immunologist determines unable to receive any COVID-19 vaccine
- TTS/VITT4 following AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD COVID19 vaccine
 - Exemption if medical exemption to completing series with mRNA vaccine
- Myocarditis or pericarditis following a mRNA COVID-19 vaccine
 - Exemption if diagnosed after medical evaluation (discuss immunization/re-immunization options with specialist if uncertain diagnosis)
- Serious adverse event following COVID-19 immunization
 - Exemption if medically evaluated, risk-benefit of immunization options discussed with relevant specialist AND determined unable to receive any COVID-19 vaccine

4. Receiving monoclonal antibody therapy OR convalescent plasma therapy for the treatment or prevention of COVID-19

- Time-limited exemption while receiving therapy

MOH guidance, Sept. 14,2021: [Medical Exemptions to COVID-19 vaccination](#)

Practising Well: Your Community of Practice

Upcoming sessions focused on physician wellness:

Are you experiencing burnout and want to learn techniques to incorporate balance into your practice? Add the next two Practising Well CoP calls to your calendar:

October 27, 2021 (8:00 to 9:00am) – Burnout and Balance

Dr. Stephanie Klein, Dr. Liz Muggah and Dr. Caitlin Schwartz

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November 10, 2021 (8:00 to 9:00am) – Getting Off the Path to Burnout

Dr. Marcia Kostenuik

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