

Changing the Way We Work (COVID-19) Community of Practice for Ontario Family Physicians – October 6, 2023

Update on COVID-19, influenza, and RSV Vaccines

**Resources are current as of October 6, 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:

COVID & RSV Vaccine updates, Paxlovid and Office Infection Control

Underlying medical conditions associated with more severe COVID-19 disease <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/guidance-documents/signs-symptoms-severity.html#a3>

Updated Guidance: Access to antiviral treatments for COVID-19 in the community

https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/Access_to_antiviral_treatments_for_COVID-19_in_the_community.pdf

Patient handout: What you need to know about Paxlovid <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/providing-health-care/clinical-resources-education/covid-19/health-system-response-resources/patient-handout-paxlovid>

Ontario Health Recommendations for Outpatient Use of Intravenous Remdesivir (Veklury) in Adults

<https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/Ontario%20Health%20Recommendations%20-%20Outpatient%20Use%20of%20Intravenous%20Remdesivir%20%28Veklury%29%20in%20Adults.pdf>

Remdesivir Infusion Referral Forms and Procedures <https://www.healthcareathome.ca/document/remdesivir-infusion-referral-forms-procedures/>

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/>

Provincial PPE Supply Portal <https://www.ppesupply.ontario.ca/signin.html?vid=20201001001>

Primary Care: Supports for the Fall/Winter Respiratory Season

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 Your 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)

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
- Website: [CanTreatCOVID.org/contact](https://www.dcfm.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/CanTreatCOVID%20Study%20Info%20FAQ.pdf)
- FAQs: <https://www.dcfm.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/CanTreatCOVID%20Study%20Info%20FAQ.pdf>

Regional Virtual Urgent Care Programs

- Central Region (Adult and Pediatric) - [Oak Valley Health](#)
- Toronto Region (Adult) - [Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre/University Health Network](#)
- Toronto Region (Pediatrics) – [SickKids](#)
- Toronto Region (Mental Health) - [Centre for Addictions and Mental Health](#)
- East Region (Adult and Pediatrics) - [Durham Community Health Centre](#)
- West Region (Adult) - [St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton](#)
- West Region (Pediatrics) - [London Health Science Centre](#)

Live online chat – <https://health811.ontario.ca/static/guest/home>

Supporting Family Doctors in Practice

Working Together to Reduce Administrative Burden <https://dialogue.cpso.on.ca/2023/09/working-together-to-reduce-administrative-burden/>

Advice to the Profession: Continuity of Care <https://www.cpso.on.ca/Physicians/Policies-Guidance/Policies/Continuity-of-Care/Advice-to-the-Profession-Continuity-of-Care>

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

OMA Checklists - Support the Implementation of the CPSO's Continuity of Care policies

<https://www.oma.org/uploadedfiles/oma/media/pagetree/oma-member-home/practice--professional-support/managing-your-practice/continuity-of-care/v1-09-2019-oma-coc-checklist-package.pdf>