

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

Winter Virus Season and Changes to Breast Cancer Screening in Ontario

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

Community of Practice past sessions and resources: <https://www.dfcm.utoronto.ca/covid-19-community-practice>

Resources shared on today's call:

Winter Virus Season

Public Health Ontario: Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/Respiratory-Virus-Tool>

BTNX Inc. Letter regarding the extension of shelf-life expiration date for Rapid Response™ COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test Cassette – At Home <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/sites/ontariohealth/files/2022-10/BTNXexpiryextensions.pdf>

Interim guidance on the use of pneumococcal 15-valent conjugate vaccine (PNEU-C-15) in pediatric populations <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/vaccines-immunization/national-advisory-committee-immunization-interim-guidance-pneumococcal-15-valent-conjugate-vaccine-pneu-c-15-pediatric-populations.html>

Breast Cancer Screening in Ontario

Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care: Breast Cancer Update (2018)
<https://canadiantaskforce.ca/guidelines/published-guidelines/breast-cancer-update/>

Breast Cancer Update – Updated Task Force Recommendations for Women
<https://canadiantaskforce.ca/tools-resources/breast-cancer-update/1000-person-tool-age-40-49/>

Overarching Policy for the Screening of Trans People in the Ontario Breast Screening Program and the Ontario Cervical Screening Program <https://www.cancercareontario.ca/en/guidelines-advice/types-of-cancer/61546>

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Breast Cancer: Screening (2023)
<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/draft-update-summary/breast-cancer-screening-adults>

Support for Family Physicians – Ontario College of Family Physicians

Supports for Family Doctors <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/supports-for-family-doctors/>

Continuity of Care: Practice Resources Highlights from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario Advice to the Profession <https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ocfp-continuity-of-care-practice-resources.pdf>

Family Physician Letter Templates (Word Doc)
<https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/ocfp-continuity-of-care-letter-templates.docx>

OCFP 2023-24 Respiratory Illness Season Resources

stayhealthyontario.ca

<https://www.ontariofamilyphysicians.ca/education-practice-supports/respiratory-illness-season-tools-and-resources>

Ontario Respiratory Virus Tool

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/Data-and-Analysis/Infectious-Disease/Respiratory-Virus-Tool>

COVID-19 Resources <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-coronavirus>

SHN VaxFacts <https://www.shn.ca/vaxfacts/>

Influenza Surveillance Sentinels Survey 2022

<https://s-ea1459-i.sgizmoca.com/s3/i-yzen2NUaryYJc6vr8W-73007/?sguid=yzen2NUaryYJc6vr8W>

COVID-19 testing locations and clinical assessment centres <https://www.ontario.ca/assessment-centre-locations/>

COVID-19 Resources <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-coronavirus>

Toronto COVID-19 Testing <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/health-programs-advice/respiratory-viruses/covid-19/covid-19-what-you-should-do/covid-19-testing/>

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: www.CanTreatCOVID.org/contact
- FAQs: <https://www.dfcu.utoronto.ca/sites/default/files/inline-files/CanTreatCOVID%20Study%20Info%20FAQ.pdf>

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

Public Health Ontario Recommendations: Clinical Considerations for the Co-administration of RSV, COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccines Among Older Adults in Long-term Care Facilities https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/O/2023/oia-clinical-considerations-co-admin-covid-19-influenza-vaccines-ltc.pdf?rev=87b838ca343a4f5e810dbd86a6c0b32a&sc_lang=en

Links shared by participants during session

Statement from the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada on Respiratory Illness Season

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2023/12/statement-from-the-chief-public-health-officer-of-canada-on-respiratory-illness-season.html>

Health Department continues to keep community informed on latest public health news

<https://www.durham.ca/en/news/health-department-continues-to-keep-community-informed-on-latest-public-health-news.aspx>

Stats Canada: Experiences of Canadians with long-term symptoms following COVID-19

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/75-006-x/2023001/article/00015-eng.htm>

Public Health Ontario: Interim Infection Prevention and Control Measures Based on Respiratory Virus Transmission Risk in Health Care Settings

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/Documents/I/2023/ipac-measures-transmission-risks-technical-brief.pdf>